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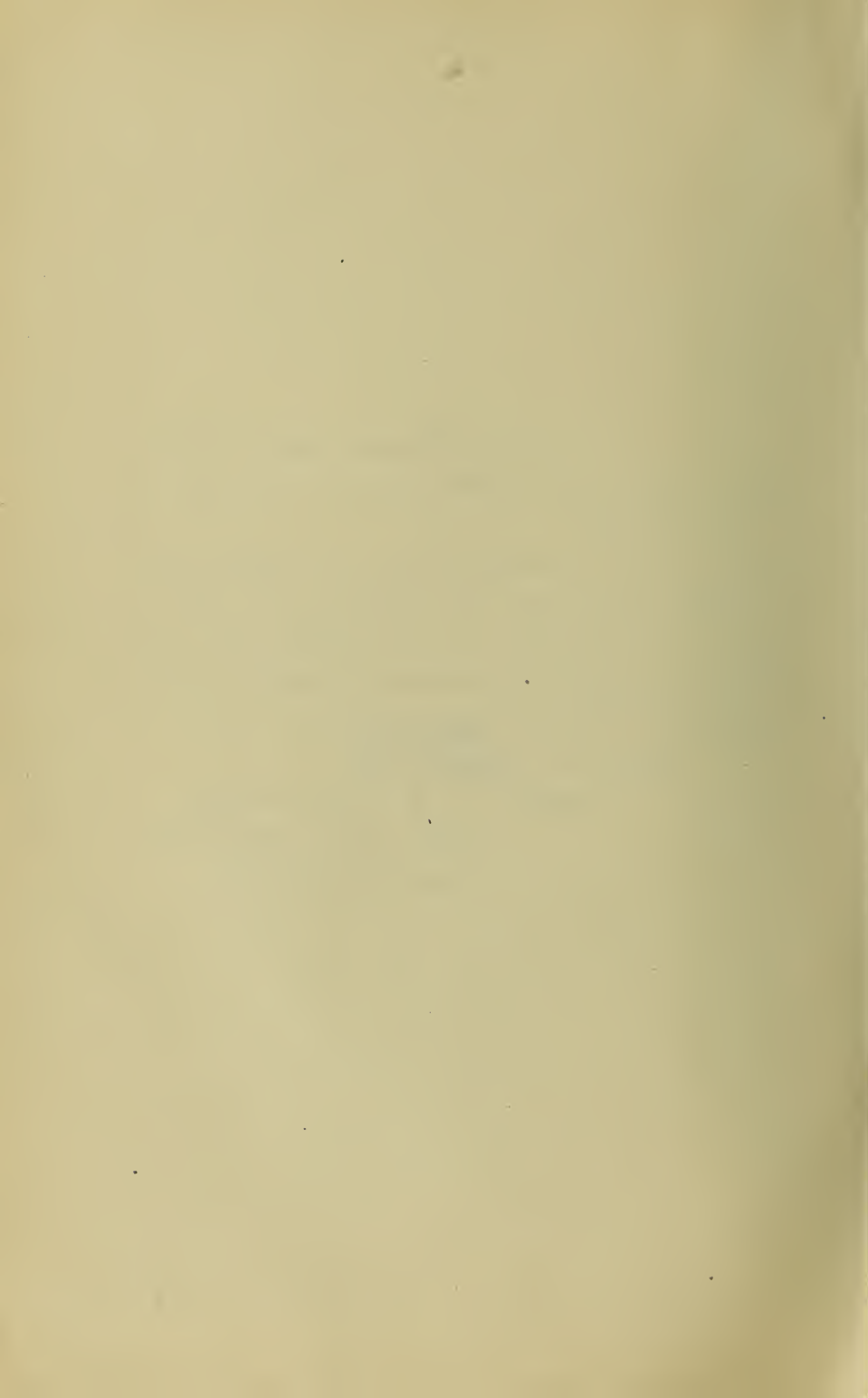
SIR: We hand you herewith report of the Nebraska State Commission, appointed by your Excellency, as provided by the act of the legislature at its twenty-eighth session, providing for the appointment and defining the duties of the Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Respectfully submitted, JWA

(Signed) G. W. WATTLES, President.

PETER JANSEN, Vice-President.

MATT MILLER, Treasurer.





GURDON W. WATTLES, OMAHA,
President.



PETER JANSEN, JANSEN,
Vice-President.



MATT MILLER, DAVID CITY,
Treasurer.



H. G. SHEDD, LINCOLN
Secretary.

REPORT

To His Excellency John H. Mickey, Governor of Nebraska:

Pursuant to the provisions of House Roll No. 231 creating and defining the duties of the Nebraska Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, we have the honor to report the acts of the said commission since its organization, as follows:

ORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION.

Gurdon W. Wattles, of Omaha, Charles H. Morrill, of Lincoln, and Judge Matt Miller, of David City, having been duly appointed by your Excellency as commissioners, met at your office for the first time on April 25, 1903, and having received their certificates of such appointment under the act creating the commission, proceeded to the organization of said commission, as follows: Gurdon W. Wattles, president; Charles H. Morrill, vice-president and treasurer, and Judge Matt Miller, secretary.

Soon after its organization the commission established headquarters in Omaha, and H. G. Shedd, of Lincoln, was appointed assistant secretary. This organization continued until September 10, 1903, when, owing to ill health and press of private duties, Charles H. Morrill resigned from the commission, and Peter Jansen, of Jansen, was appointed by your Excellency in his stead. The commission was then reorganized as follows: Gurdon W. Wattles, president; Peter Jansen, vice-president, and Judge Matt Miller, treasurer. Upon his election as treasurer, Mr. Miller resigned his office as secretary and H. G. Shedd was appointed secretary to fill the vacancy created.

Soon after its first appointment the commission began its work by the creation of various departments of exhibits and the appointment of competent superintendents to take charge of the same. A number of the best known leaders in exposition

work in Nebraska early offered their services to the commission without compensation other than their actual expenses, and from these James Walsh, of Benson, was chosen as superintendent of the agricultural exhibit; E. M. Pollard, of Nehawka, superintendent of the horticultural exhibit; S. C. Bassett, of Gibbon, as superintendent of the dairy exhibit; Prof. E. H. Barbour, of the State University at Lincoln, as superintendent of the educational and mineral exhibits; O. P. Hender-shot, of Hebron, as superintendent of the live stock exhibit; and T. L. Norval, of Seward, as superintendent of the poultry exhibit. In each of these cases the choice has proven a wise one, each superintendent having rendered the most efficient service to the state since his appointment, by his constant care and unending endeavors to make his exhibit interesting and attractive. E. G. Hills, of Benson, and Wm. James of Dorchester, as assistant superintendents of agriculture, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hadkinson of Omaha, assistant superintendents of horticulture, Prof. A. L. Haecker, of the State University at Lincoln, and L. D. Stilson, of York, as assistant superintendents of the dairy exhibit, and Miss Edith L. Webster, of Lincoln, as assistant superintendent of the education and mineral exhibits, were employed and rendered valuable service in connection with their various exhibits.

COLLECTION AND INSTALLATION.

The personnel of the various departments having been chosen, tentative appropriations to the several departments were made by the commission as follows:

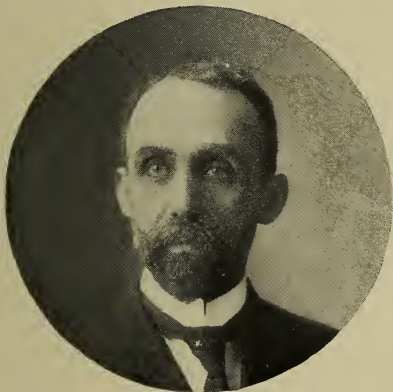
Agricultural exhibit	\$7,500 00
Horticultural exhibit	5,000 00
Educational exhibit, including exhibit in Department of Mines and special exhibit of class from the State School for the Deaf and Dumb.....	4,250 00
Spectacular effects	7,200 00
Dairy exhibit	1,300 00
Live stock exhibit	2,100 00
Poultry exhibit	500 00



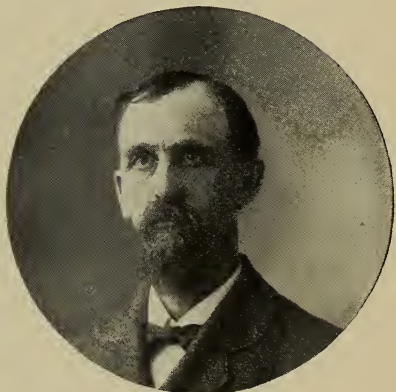
JAMES WALSH, BENSON,
Superintendent of Agricultural Exhibit.



ERNEST M. POLLARD, NEHAWKA,
Superintendent of Horticultural Exhibit.



ERWIN H. BARBOUR, LINCOLN,
Superintendent of Educational and Mineral Exhibit.



S. C. BASSET, GIBBON,
Superintendent of Dairy Exhibit.



O. P. HENDERSHOT, HEBRON,
Superintendent of Live Stock Exhibit



T. L. NORVAL, SEWARD,
Superintendent of Poultry Exhibit.



CHAMPION PRIZE STEER OF THE WORLD, "CHALLENGER," NEBRASKA PAVILION, PALACE OF AGRICULTURE.

This having been done, the commission and the various heads of departments lost no time in gathering and installing those products which best illustrated the wonderful resources and industries of Nebraska.

AGRICULTURE.—In agriculture premiums were at once set aside for the best collections of sheaf grains and grasses, by which means the finest samples of sheaf grain in the state and an entire car-load of native grasses, numbering over 169 varieties, were procured. Seven hundred and fifty dollars were also set aside to be added to the premium list of the corn show of the Nebraska Improved Corn Growers' Association at Lincoln. At this corn show, as well as at numerous local shows of a similar nature, and also through the efforts of the special agents who visited every part of Nebraska, over 1,000 bushels of Nebraska's finest corn, including all varieties of field, sweet, flint and pop-corn, were collected and stored in Lincoln and Omaha. At the state fair of 1903, and at numerous county fairs, notably that of the Douglas County Agricultural Society, large quantities of high grade grains and corn were also secured for use at St. Louis. Two warehouses were rented in Omaha, where a corps of trained experts under the supervision of Superintendent Walsh prepared the grains and grasses for exhibit and decorative purposes when the exposition should open. Much of the beauty of the Nebraska agricultural installation at the fair was due to the minute and careful attention paid to the preparation of the sheaf grain and grasses so that they uniformly presented a bright and attractive appearance during the entire season, and won the admiration of thousands of visitors.

During the holidays in 1903, the commission arranged with the State University to mount the steer "Challenger," the animal which took the world's championship prize for a fat grade steer at the International Live Stock Show at Chicago the previous December, and to make a display of the specimen in its agricultural exhibit.

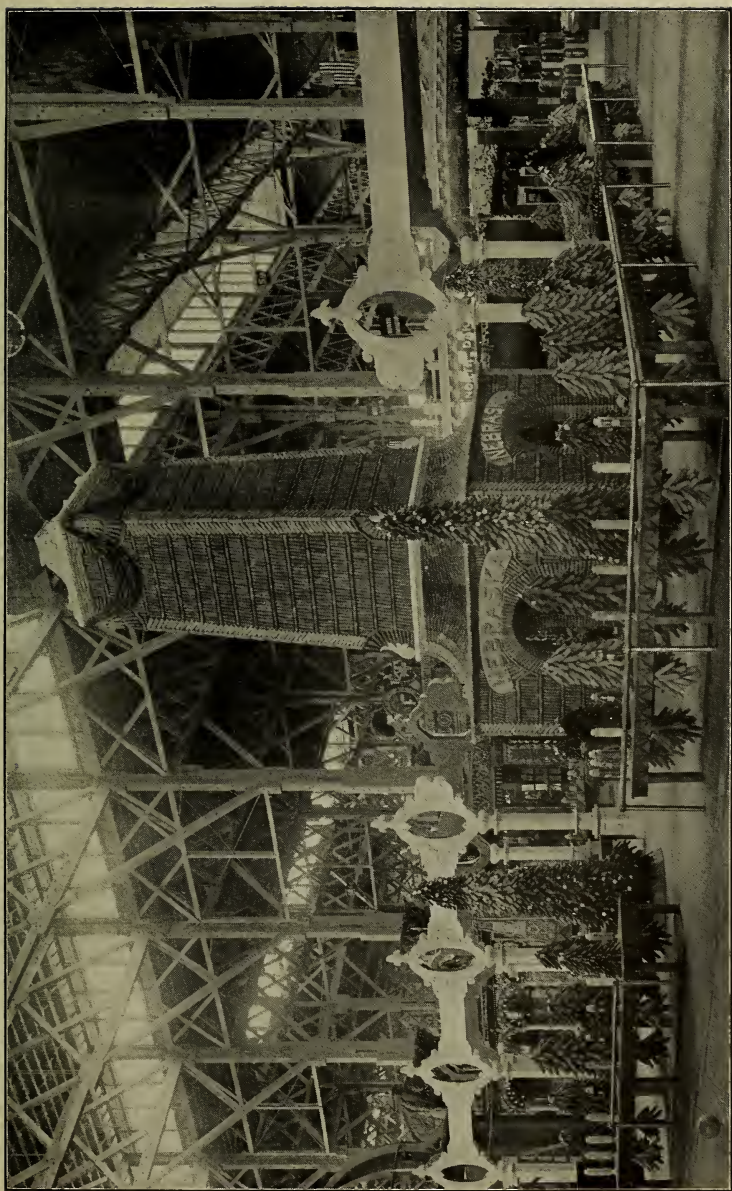
Nearly 8,000 feet of floor space was set aside for Nebraska's

agricultural exhibit, and the installation of this material began early in the year. The commission having decided to erect no state building, but to establish its headquarters in connection with its agricultural exhibit, the installation of these agricultural products was made to add beauty to the handsome pavilion erected upon the space assigned to the state. Hundreds of sheaves of small grains of all varieties, and countless bundles of grasses, were placed about this pavillion in the most attractive form, while the entire decoration of artistic garlands and wreaths was composed of grasses and other products.

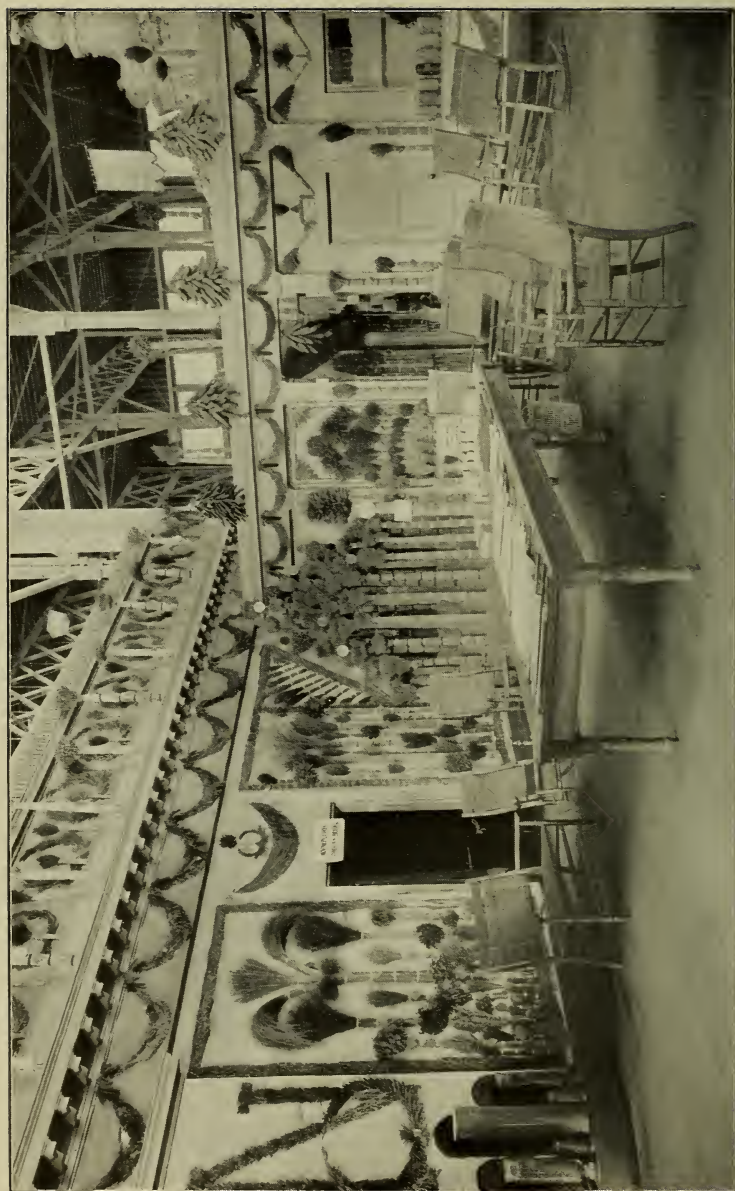
Opposite the Nebraska pavilion, in the central space set aside by the exposition authorities for special exhibits of the leading products of the United States, Nebraska made its corn display. A huge tower, completely covered with ears of corn and surmounted by a great ball and eagle, was erected. Four large pyramids of solid corn flanked the tower, and the entire space was enclosed with long tables where was shown the very best corn of the state. Here over eighty-two varieties of corn were shown, Nebraska exhibiting more distinct varieties of corn than all other corn states showing at the exposition. Here also was shown a collection of twenty-six bottles of products from corn.

The agricultural display of sheaf grains of all varieties, of seeds, of vegetables, and of honey, was one of the largest and finest exhibits in the entire Agricultural building. Not only the great number of prizes won upon these exhibits, but the ever increasing interest manifested by the public to the very close of the exposition, attest the wonderful display made in this exhibit of Nebraska's great agricultural resources.

DAIRY.—The state's dairy exhibit was also located in the Agricultural building. It consisted of the usual space assigned each state in the refrigeration section devoted entirely to the greatest display of butter and cheese ever made in the world. Nebraska's display in reality consisted of two exhibits installed at different times during the season. The first was strictly a commercial exhibit wherein was shown the wonderful



NEBRASKA CORN SHOW, PALACE OF AGRICULTURE.



RECEPTION ROOM, NEBRASKA PAVILION, PALACE OF AGRICULTURE.

growth and development of the dairy industry of Nebraska during the last five years. A map showing the position of the 20,000 hand separators in the state that made a part of this exhibit attracted great attention. Later in the season a cornucopia modeled of butter, from which flowed a stream of yellow butter, was substituted, with the legend "Nebraska's liquid gold, \$20,000,000.00 annually."

In the installation of this dairy exhibit the Nebraska commission was assisted by the payment of \$500 on the part of the Beatrice Creamery Company of Lincoln, the Hygeia Creamery Company of Omaha, and the Fairmont Creamery Company of Fairmont. This money was subscribed with the understanding that it should be used only to pay the cost of refrigeration during the season.

HORTICULTURE.—Notwithstanding the extremely poor fruit crop in Nebraska in 1903, Superintendent Pollard succeeded in gathering a fine collection of apples, peaches and other fruits, which were at once shipped to St. Louis and placed in cold storage waiting the opening of the exposition. The amount of fruit thus collected was so large that it easily filled Nebraska's assigned space in the Palace of Horticulture during all the summer and until the apple crop of 1904 could be picked and its best specimens shipped to the exhibit. During the summer of 1904 a continuous exhibit of Nebraska grown small fruits was made upon the tables. The number of plates shown daily throughout the season ran from 300 to 400. The fruit as rapidly as placed upon the tables was judged by the "working jury" of the exposition, with the result that a large number of high awards were received, and in the total scoring on the fruit Nebraska, in proportion to the quantity shown, ranked highest of all states except Colorado.

The installation of the horticultural exhibit was novel and attractive. The tables were surrounded by a rustic fence and at one side was a rustic bower with a large tree through which an old grapevine with huge clusters of grapes, twined itself. This bower, together with the magnificent display of Nebraska

fruit, made the Nebraska space the central meeting point for thousands of visitors to the horticultural building.

Great assistance was rendered the commission and the superintendent of the horticultural exhibit by the interest shown on the part of the members of the State Horticultural Society, nearly all of whom sent their best fruit for exhibition on the Nebraska tables. A number of these gentlemen spent from one to two weeks at the exhibit in the interest of Nebraska at a small compensation. During the season hundreds of bushels of apples were given away. This was notably so upon Apple Day and Nebraska Day, when the fruit was most eagerly sought by World's Fair visitors.

EDUCATIONAL.—The preparation of the educational exhibit began early in the summer of 1903, and became especially active after the University and schools of the state had opened in the following September. Circulars and letters were sent to all of the schools and colleges, with the result that the educational exhibit when installed at St. Louis made a complete showing of the work of the Nebraska schools in all branches from the kindergarten through the colleges and the University. It included complete exhibits of the state institutions of learning, such as the State Normal at Peru, the State School for the Deaf and Dumb at Omaha, and the State School for the Blind at Nebraska City. Prof. A. E. Pope, of the State Deaf and Dumb School, having been appointed superintendent of social science in the exposition educational department, conceived the idea of illustrating the methods of teaching deaf and dumb children by means of a live exhibit, and through his efforts the State School for Deaf and Dumb at Omaha was induced to send a class of students to the exposition for this purpose. The school paid one-half of the expense and the commission the remainder. This exhibit proved a great attraction.

An unique exhibit was that of the traveling library department of the State Library. The State Historical Society also contributed a splendid exhibit of forty cases of relics from the state of Nebraska and the Missouri Valley. These relics illus-



NEBRASKA EXHIBIT, PALACE OF EDUCATION.



NEBRASKA EXHIBIT, PALACE OF MINES AND METALLURGY.

trated the history of the state from the earliest times of the Indian through the Spanish explorations and the territorial settlement of the state, to the glorious development of the present time. Another striking exhibit was that showing the work of the Federation of Women's Clubs in the state, which attracted great attention from the visitors to the Educational Palace. Throughout the educational exhibit the fact that Nebraska ranks first in the small percentage of illiteracy was constantly emphasized. The Nebraska space in the Educational Palace was altogether too small for the immense amount of material shown, but Prof. Barbour's installation brought innumerable visitors from much larger and more expensive exhibits to the Nebraska educational booth. This booth itself was a remarkably beautiful structure, consisting of a handsome facade built on classic lines, with the exhibits grouped within on long, olive-hued tables.

MINERAL.—Perhaps in no other way did Nebraska so astonish the world as by installing an exhibit in the Department of Mines and Metallurgy. Notwithstanding the fact that there is not a mine in the state in the strict sense of the word, and that Nebraska is generally looked upon as a purely agricultural community, the commission installed an unusually attractive exhibit showing the best samples of Nebraska's building stones, bricks, cements and similar products. A complete collection of soils from different parts of the state was shown. Cases of fossils from the State Museum, specimens from the geological department of the University, and typical photographs of Nebraska, added attractiveness. A number of glass globes in this mineral exhibit, containing yellow corn, bore the inscription "The Gold of Nebraska."

LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY.—The commission early decided to make a proper exhibit of Nebraska's great live stock and poultry interests at the exposition live stock and poultry shows held during the autumn of 1904. Meetings were held with the officers and representatives of the Nebraska State Live Stock

Association and the Nebraska State Poultry Association looking to such an exhibit, with the result that ample funds were set aside and the commission agreed to transport from Nebraska to St. Louis and return all the live stock and poultry winning first and second prizes at the state fair of 1904. This plan met with the hearty approval of the officers of these associations, and the leading stockmen and poultry raisers of the state, inasmuch as it was readily seen that by this plan the finest and most representative live stock and poultry in the state would be entered at the exposition stock shows. Under the direction of O. P. Hendershot, superintendent of live stock, and T. L. Norval, superintendent of poultry, several carloads of stock and poultry were shipped to St. Louis immediately after the state fair, and entered for premiums. All of these exhibitors were uniformly successful, winning many prizes. This was particularly true in the classes devoted to swine, sheep and poultry. The officers of the Poultry Association state that never before were Nebraska exhibits so successful in competing with the birds of eastern and well-known breeders.

MOVING PICTURE EXHIBITIONS.

In addition to the above exhibits in the regular departments of the exposition, the Nebraska Commission also erected and maintained a small theatre in the Nebraska pavilion, for the purpose of illustrating the daily life of the principal business enterprises of the state. The unique idea of doing this by moving pictures and stereopticon views was hit upon by the president of the commission. This plan was early adopted by the commission, and during all of the summer of 1903 and in the spring of 1904 an expert photographer, under the direction of the secretary of the commission and the various superintendents, was engaged in taking suitable pictures for this exhibition. Nearly ten thousand feet of moving picture film was secured, this film illustrating in its entirety almost every phase of agricultural and industrial life in the state. These pictures were taken in all parts of Nebraska, so as to present to the



CROWDS LEAVING NEBRASKA MOVING-PICTURE THEATRE, PALACE OF AGRICULTURE.

public a complete picture of the life, the business, and the general conditions in the state. When finally grouped for exhibition purposes, these moving pictures numbered nine complete series. One of these illustrated the scenes common to early spring planting and the harvest in early summer. Another showed the farm life in times of haying, orcharding, and corn picking. One was devoted to dairying, illustrating the modern commercial dairy industry in Nebraska by the milking of cows, the separating, shipping and handling of cream in the central creameries. Other series illustrated the poultry, sheep and swine industries, the raising of alfalfa, and the cultivation and marketing of sugar beets, with the processes of extracting the sugar from the same. A series devoted to the live stock showed the industry through all its familiar phases from the feed lot to the packing house. Another pictured the open life of the range, presenting scenes illustrating the rounding-up and branding of cattle, and the lassoing and riding of unbroken western ponies. A panorama made from a moving train passing through 150 miles of the best farm land in Nebraska was shown, as well as a panorama taken from a street-car showing a principal street in Omaha. Similar panoramas depicting familiar scenes at the State University, the State Fair and the Ak-sar-ben festivities in Omaha were given.

One of the most attractive moving pictures shown was that of the late President William McKinley, at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha. The film of this picture, which is one of the very few moving pictures of the late president in existence, was kindly loaned to the Nebraska Commission by Frank A. Rinehart, of Omaha. Hundreds of colored stereopticon views of fine farm houses and typical farm scenes, and the best municipal and public buildings of the state, rounded out this exhibition. Many of these views were furnished by the railroads of the state, the *Nebraska Farmer* and the *Twentieth Century Farmer*. With this immense amount of illustrative material, it was possible to give an entire change of program at each of the twelve to fifteen shows given daily in

the Nebraska theatre. Before the opening of the exposition, the commission planned to give two shows a day, especially during the early part of the exposition, but the very first exhibition demonstrated the popularity of Nebraska's unique method of advertising the state with the visiting public, so that it was soon necessary to make the exhibitions and the accompanying lectures a regular hourly feature. Lecturers were engaged from among the advanced University students and the young instructors of that institution, each lecturer being secured from one to two months. The young men who performed this service for the commission were A. S. Reasoner, of Shelton; Frank L. Rain, of Fairbury; E. H. Clark, George C. Shedd, W. C. Mercer and Buell Chessington, all of Lincoln. The lectures given by these young men told in a brief and entertaining way the story of Nebraska's rapid development and growth, and the wonderful resources it possesses for the future. Between the exhibitions the lecturers mingled with the spectators explaining the pictures more in detail, and in every way promoting the interest of the visiting public.

Owing to the increased demand for the pictures and the rapidly growing attendance at the Nebraska pavilion, the moving picture exhibition in the theatre grew from an hourly feature to an almost continuous performance. From July to the end of the exposition half hourly shows were given from 10 to 6 o'clock, and early in the autumn the crowds grew to such proportions that the commission enlarged the theatre by removing a portion of the inner corridor so as to accommodate at least 100 more persons at each exhibition. The following table tells the story of the remarkable attendance at the Nebraska theatre during the exposition season:

Month.	Total No. shows.	Total attendance.	Average attendance at each exhibition.
May and June	260	43,500	167
July	319	52,412	162
August	336	53,859	160
September	300	63,180	220
October	323	73,615	228
November	324	70,305	217
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It must be remembered that these figures represent the actual number of persons who witnessed the exhibitions in a little theatre with a seating capacity of 100 and standing room for 100 more. There were thousands of persons who witnessed the pictures for a few minutes from the doorways, and then passed on because they could not enter the theatre for the crowd, while there were other thousands who visited the Nebraska pavilion during the intervals that the pictures were not being thrown upon the screen. Without hesitancy, it can be stated on a conservative estimate that at least one million people visited the Nebraska pavilion during the exposition season, over a third of whom actually witnessed a series of these moving pictures, and a second third of whom witnessed some portion of a complete series.

The record of attendance which was kept throughout these moving picture exhibitions shows some remarkable facts in addition to those stated above. It naturally shows that the greatest crowds were entertained on the national and other holidays at the fair. The attendance on July 4, for instance, was 2,615; on September 5, Labor Day, 2,385; on September 25, Agricultural Day, 2,535; on November 24, Thanksgiving Day, 3,440; and on September 15, St. Louis Day, reached the tremendous total of 8,930. During the entire season, when nearly 2,000 exhibitions were given, the performances were hindered by unavoidable causes but nine different times. On two occasions the electric current was cut off by the exposi-

tion. On four occasions the moving picture apparatus broke; on one day the exhibit was closed to be judged by the jury of awards; on another day the performances were hindered for two hours by the enlarging of the theatre, and on President's Day, November 26, the entire building was cleared in the afternoon during the official visit of the president of the United States. On this afternoon, however, one exhibition was given at which the president of the United States stopped a brief moment. The records also show that the Nebraska theatre was also visited by scores of notable persons, including the leading exposition officials, the various commissioners from foreign governments to the exposition, the secretary of the navy, prominent newspaper men of the world during the International Press Parliament, noted scientists and men of letters during the International Congress of Arts and Sciences, and thousands of visitors from all parts of the world. Numerous special exhibitions were given for various organizations at the exposition and from Nebraska, the National Bee Keepers' Association and other national organizations, and for bodies of natives from the Philippine reservation, the Indian reservation, and the anthropological exhibit. The courtesy of the Nebraska theatre was extended to various organizations in the Agricultural building, notably the Agricultural Club, which held its weekly meetings there during the entire season; also to numerous men of prominence connected with the various exhibits at the exposition, for special courses of lectures along educational and scientific lines. In a word, it may be said that no other state's exhibit at the exposition attracted so much attention as this Nebraska theatre and its moving pictures. The exposition management, at the very outset, recognized the merit of this exhibit by advertising the Nebraska biograph pictures on their official daily program as one of the features of the exposition. The newspapers of St. Louis early favored it with their generous approval, and before the summer was well advanced many of the leading magazines of the country such as the *Cosmopolitan Magazine*, the *World's Work*, and *Print-*

ers' Ink, favorably commented on this entertainment part of the Nebraska exhibit. That the moving picture exhibition, as well as the other features of the Nebraska exhibit, have met with the approval of the great mass of visitors from Nebraska is attested by the scores of complimentary letters that have been received and are now in the commission's files. In this connection it may further be said that this moving picture feature has established a new idea in the matter of advertising a state's resources and advancement at an exposition. Shortly after the Nebraska moving pictures were installed and presented to the public, the idea was copied by other states and by various large manufacturing corporations and put into execution at the exposition. None, however, were so popular as Nebraska's, which enjoyed the exclusive privilege in the Agricultural Palace. Moving picture experts also declare that the Nebraska pictures have created a demand of a new kind for work in their line. Since the Nebraska Commission began showing its pictures, an entirely new idea has been evolved. The moving picture, from a purely entertaining feature, has advanced into the educational and scientific field. Officials from various states and the government of the United States, as well as representatives from the Japanese, Austrian, Belgian and other governments, visited the Nebraska exhibitions with a view of introducing a similar use of the moving picture machine into the agricultural departments of their countries. A number of these representatives of foreign countries have made full reports of Nebraska's successful method to their governments.

AWARDS AND PRIZES.

That the state of Nebraska should be highly successful in winning many premiums and prizes on the general installation of its exhibits as described above, was to be expected, but that a grand total of over 500 medals and prizes upon collective and individual exhibits should be awarded to the state, demonstrates fully the high rank taken by Nebraska at the recent Exposition. These awards by departments are given below:

Department.	Grand Prize.	Gold.	Silver.	Bronze.	Total.	Grand Total.
General	2	..	..	..	2	
Agriculture:						
Grains	6	94	86	106	292	
Vegetables .....	..	3	17	1	21	
Honey .....	..	..	6	..	6	
Dairy .....	..	1	..	..	1	
Horticulture	1	10	21	17	49	
Floriculture .....	..	1	1	..	2	
Education	1	9	4	5	19	
Mining .....	..	..	1	2	3	
Individuals .....	..	5	..	..	5	
Totals	10	129	130	131	400	400
	Premiums—1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th to 10th. Total.
Live stock	10	12	21	11	15	.. 69
Poultry	1	3	7	4	3	9 27
Specials .....	..	..	..	..	..	.. 8
	11	15	28	15	18	9 104
Grand total						504

Of the above, a grand prize was awarded to the Nebraska pavilion, and a grand prize to the moving picture exhibition. The general agricultural installation received a grand prize, and grand prizes were awarded in the agricultural department to the state's collective exhibit of corn, collective exhibit of sheaf and threshed grains, collective exhibit of wild and tame grasses and forage crops, and a collective exhibit of seeds. Ninety-four gold medals were awarded for agricultural exhibits, among them being a gold medal to the state of Nebraska for its general exhibit of four pyramids of corn; a gold medal to the state for thirty-seven jars of shelled field and sugar corn; one to the State University for a collective exhibit of 100 jars of threshed grains and seeds; to the State University for Reed's yellow corn; to Johnson county for a collective exhibit of corn; to the Kearney Business Men's Association for a fine display of alfalfa. Individuals received gold medals on from one to four exhibits, and in some cases as high as six and eight. Ninety-two silver medals were received in the agricultural department, among which was a silver medal to the state for its exhibit of honey. One hundred and six bronze medals were awarded to individuals exhibiting in this department. Of these



NEBRASKA EXHIBIT, PALACE OF AGRICULTURE.

awards, eighty-five went to corn, 167 to sheaf and threshed grains, eleven to grasses and forage crops, twenty-seven to seeds, six to honey, and three to general exhibit. The awards in corn covered all varieties, including sweet, field, flint, pop, and blue and white flour corn. Sixteen awards were made upon pop-corn alone, a total, it is believed, greater than that of any other state upon the same variety. The highest award in the department upon sweet corn was likewise made to Nebraska. The exhibits in grains included all the standard varieties of oats, rye, millet, barley, and timothy, both in sheaf and in grain; while there were awards made upon fine samples of speltz, milo maize, buckwheat and sorghum. In vegetables, Nebraska received a gold medal for its collective exhibit, and the Douglas County Agricultural Society a silver medal. The entire twenty-one entries in vegetables received awards, two being gold medals, eighteen silver medals, and one bronze. While no authorized announcement is as yet obtainable, as far as can be ascertained from careful inquiry, Nebraska received more awards in the agricultural department than any other state exhibiting.

In the dairy department the state received a gold medal for its collective exhibit. No individual awards were made, as the dairy exhibit was in cold storage and represented only the wonderful growth of the dairy industry in Nebraska during the last few years.

In horticulture, a grand prize was awarded the Nebraska exhibit. Cass, Lancaster and Nemaha counties received gold medals on collective exhibits of fruit, while Pawnee, Lincoln, Richardson, Saline, Valley and Washington counties received silver medals, and Douglas county a bronze medal. During the summer there were forty-nine entries of various kinds of fruit from individual growers in the state. Eleven of these exhibitors showed collective exhibits of different kinds of fruit, while there were eleven entries of apples alone. The other entries included apricots, plums, cherries, grapes, peaches, strawberries, blackberries and raspberries. The high awards received

by all of these various exhibits demonstrates the fine quality of fruit on exhibition during all the summer, which to so marked a degree showed to the world Nebraska's fruit raising industry. In floriculture, a section of the same department, a gold medal and a silver medal were received by individual exhibitors of flowers, this being the first time that the state of Nebraska was ever awarded premiums in floriculture at universal expositions.

In the department of education, Nebraska received one grand prize, nine gold medals, four silver medals and five bronze medals. Inasmuch as each medal was awarded to a collective exhibit, this number shows a much larger representation than would appear on the face. For instance, a gold medal was awarded to the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which exhibit contained the work of hundreds of individuals. In the same manner gold medals were awarded to the State University, the State School for the Deaf, the State School for the Blind, and to various boards of education. Few medals were awarded in this department to individual exhibitors.

In the department of mines and metallurgy, where Nebraska for the first time in its history made an exhibit of soils and building materials, a silver medal was awarded to the state for its collective exhibit; a bronze medal to the state upon its soils and minerals shown, and to the State University upon a collection of photographs illustrating Nebraska's mineral resources.

In live stock and poultry, Nebraska captured many premiums. Although the entries in horses and cattle were not large, in the classes pertaining to swine and sheep the winnings were many. In poultry the State made an unusually strong showing, individual exhibitors winning more premiums in proportion to number of birds entered and shown, than exhibitors from any other state in the Union. In some classes of poultry Nebraska exhibitors defeated the originators of the variety. One Nebraska exhibitor, after competing with all the leading eastern exhibitors, including at least one millionaire, won ribbons in every class but one—a distinction accorded



NEBRASKA PAVILION, PALACE OF AGRICULTURE.

but one other exhibitor—and received more prizes than any of his competitors.

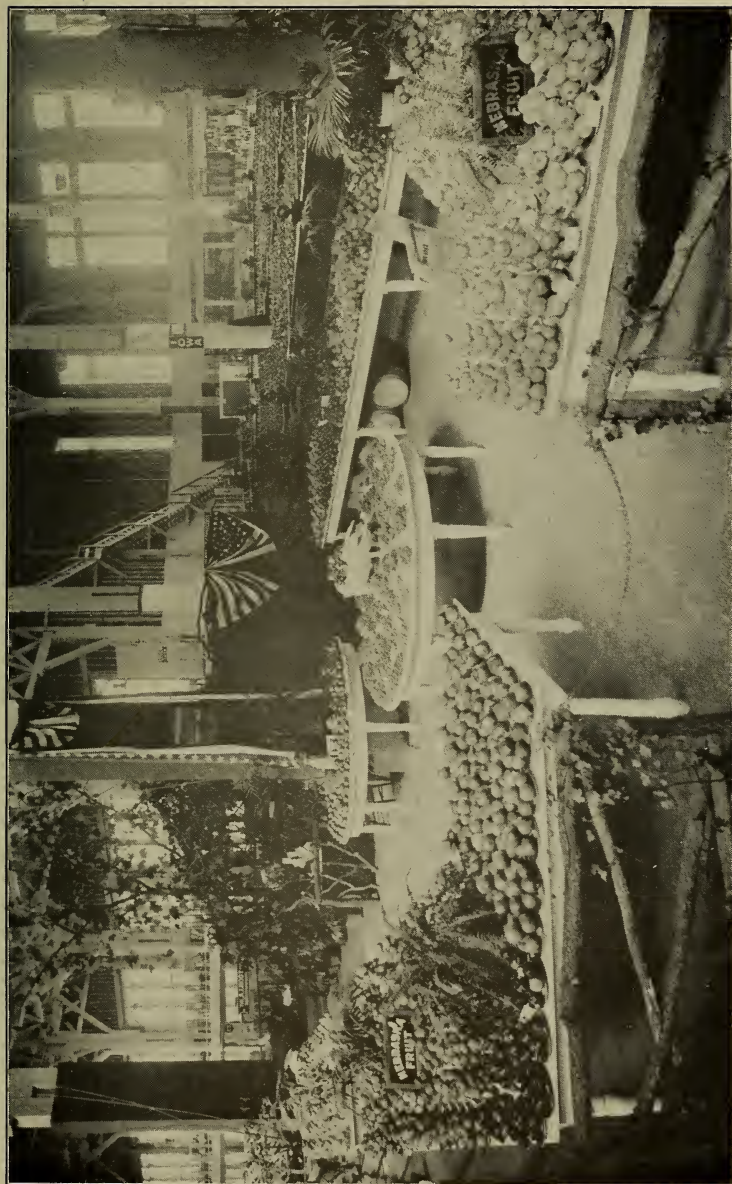
The state was also honored by more special awards to the persons in charge than any other state in proportion to the exhibits made, special awards of gold medals being given to the various superintendents and assistant superintendents in charge, as well as to the operator of the moving pictures in the Nebraska theatre. A large number of awards were also made to numerous individual exhibitors as collaborators in the preparation of the collective county and state exhibits. A complete list of the awards by departments is given at the end of this report.

NO STATE BUILDING—NEBRASKA PAVILION.

The success of the moving picture exhibitions and the exhibits in the various departments as outlined above has demonstrated clearly to the members of the commission, the wisdom of not attempting to erect and maintain a state building upon the exposition grounds with the limited means at the commission's disposal. Other western states having appropriations of \$100,000 to \$200,000, erected state buildings of magnitude and beauty, and any building that Nebraska could have erected would have compared unfavorably with those of surrounding states. In view of this fact, and the further belief that the Nebraska appropriation was made more for advertising in the best possible manner the resources of the state, than for the purpose of affording entertainment and social features such as a state building would necessitate, the commission almost immediately after its organization decided that it would be unwise to attempt the construction and maintenance of such a state building. A plan was devised for establishing headquarters in connection with the state's agricultural exhibit in the Agricultural Building, and after consultation with F. W. Taylor, chief of the Agricultural Department, with other exposition officials, with your Excellency, and with other leading persons in the state, this was done. A large space on the

center aisle of the Palace of Agriculture was assigned to Nebraska, and here a state pavilion, 98x52 feet in extent, was erected. The plans for this pavilion were furnished by Architect Thomas R. Kimball, of Omaha, and the beauty and utility of his design added much to the general attractiveness of the exhibit. These plans were furnished by him gratuitously, in so far as his work was concerned, the commission only paying the actual cost of the work of his employees. Not only was the principal agricultural exhibit installed in this pavilion and the Nebraska theatre erected, but a large reception room was provided as a meeting place for Nebraskans, where mail could be received, the leading Nebraska journals found, and facilities for letter writing and checking parcels obtained. Cloak rooms and lavatories were provided, and in every way conveniences afforded for the comfort of visiting Nebraskans. A register of Nebraskans visiting the pavilion was kept throughout the exposition, which has been turned over to the State Historical Society, to be placed with similar registers from other expositions where Nebraska has been represented. Here, too, the headquarters of the Nebraska Commission were established, in charge of the secretary. As the summer advanced Mrs. Mary L. Eastman, of Omaha, was appointed as hostess, and remained until the close of the exposition to greet visiting Nebraskans and make them feel at home.

While to many Nebraskans there was a feeling of disappointment, before visiting the exposition, that Nebraska had no state building for social gatherings and entertainment features, this feeling gave way to one of approval of the commission's plans after these Nebraskans had visited the exposition, discovered the homelike and social atmosphere pervading the Nebraska pavilion, and witnessed the earnest endeavors of the commission to further Nebraska's opportunities in the best possible manner. The commission has in its files several hundred letters from prominent Nebraskans, as well as many distinguished citizens of the United States and other countries, heartily commending the state's showing at the exposi-



NEBRASKA EXHIBIT, PALACE OF HORTICULTURE.

tion. From these letters the commission believes that it is the consensus of opinion, among Nebraskans at least, that the state commission, in view of its limited resources, acted wisely in not attempting to erect and maintain a state building, and that its moving picture exhibition and its regular exhibits, advertised the state in a manner that no state building could have done.

ADVERTISING MATERIAL.

At the state pavilion in the agricultural building, as well as at all the Nebraska exhibits in other exhibit palaces, a large amount of advertising matter in convenient form, giving data regarding the wealth, resources and advantages of the state, was provided. One hundred thousand small vest-pocket memorandum books containing striking statistics in regard to the state and having a cover as shown on following page were distributed.

Maps of Nebraska showing the location of lands that may be entered in 640-acre tracts under the Kinkaid Homestead Act were also distributed in great numbers. The publications issued by the State Experiment Station at Lincoln, the land departments of the various railroads in Nebraska, and the farm journals of the state, all exploiting the resources of Nebraska, were also presented to visitors. Five thousand copies of a very complete short history of the state of Nebraska, issued by the *Nebraska Farmer*, were generously donated to the commission for free distribution, by the proprietors of that journal. These histories were much sought after by visitors, and by special resolution the thanks of the commission were tendered to the publishers for their donation.

At all of the exhibit booths maintained by the commission, the utmost courtesy was shown to visitors, and a constant desire on the part of those in charge exhibited, to explain fully and truly the advantages offered by our state to prospective settlers and investors.

From scores of letters received by the commission it is known that this advertising matter, as well as the exhibit maintained

NEBRASKA

FIRST

In small per cent of illiteracy.

THIRD

In products of meat packing plants.

THIRD

In production of corn.

FOURTH

In production of wheat.

FOURTH

In number of cattle and hogs on farms and ranges.

FIFTH

In production of oats and rye.

FIFTH

In production of beet sugar.

SIXTH

In number of acres in farms.

SEVENTH

In number of horses on farms and ranges.

NINTH

In value of farm products per acre.

TENTH

In cheese, butter and milk products.

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NEBRASKA STATE COMMISSION.
OMAHA.

at the exposition, has brought hundreds of people from all parts of the United States to Nebraska to investigate the state's opportunities as a place for settlement or investment.

ENTERTAINMENT.

Possessing no state building, and believing, as has been stated before, that the appropriation for Nebraska's representation at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was intended largely for the purpose of making a creditable showing of the state's resources and industries, the commission made no

attempt whatever at elaborate entertainment during the fair. Instead, its constant endeavor was to maintain a spirit of genuine and hearty hospitality on every foot of space where Nebraska was represented. Besides welcoming all individuals, it may be stated that a reception and special moving picture exhibition was given in May to the Nebraska Press Association, numbering nearly one hundred editors of the leading papers in the state, and their families; and a similar reception was also given to the special excursion of several hundred teachers from the State University summer school. The only attempt at elaborate entertainment made by the Nebraska Commission was on the occasion of Nebraska Day, October 25, when the state celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its organization as a territory. Hundreds of Nebraskans visited the fair and the state's exhibits on this occasion. Your Excellency and staff, and various officials from Lincoln and Omaha, came in special trains. At 9 o'clock in the morning of that day a handsome badge was distributed at the Nebraska headquarters to each Nebraskan present. At 10 o'clock the official party paid its respects to President Francis at the Administration building, and at noon a luncheon was served at the East Pavilion Cafe to the official party and the distinguished guests of the commission. The exercises of the day, held in celebration of the event, occurred at Festival Hall at 2 o'clock, and consisted of the following program:

Organ.

Prayer—Chancellor E. Benj. Andrews of the University of Nebraska.

Address of Welcome—President D. R. Francis.

Vocal—Mrs. Wagner Thomas, Omaha.

a. "Parla" (Waltz Song), Arditi.

b. "Ave Maria," Mascagni.

Violin obligato—Robt. Cuscaden, Omaha.

Address—Hon. John H. Mickey, Governor of Nebraska.

Song—"Nebraska," by Will H. Maupin, Lincoln—The audience.

Address—Hon. John L. Webster, Omaha.

Violin—Robt. Cuscaden, Omaha.

a. Serenade, Schubert-Remenji.

b. Gypsy Dance, T. Machez.

Address—G. W. Wattles, Omaha, President Nebraska State Commission.

Doxology.

After the exercises at Festival Hall, a reception to the official party was held at the Nebraska pavilion, when a special moving picture exhibition for Nebraskans was given. On this day all of the exhibit booths were appropriately decorated, and special souvenirs presented to visitors. At the horticultural exhibit several hundred bushels of apples were distributed.

FINANCES.

Immediately after organization, realizing the inadequacy of the amount appropriated by the legislature to fitly prepare and install a representative exhibit of the state, the commission earnestly solicited citizens and corporations to increase the appropriation by donations. The result of these solicitations was the donation for the use of the commission of the sum of \$25,000 by the following railway corporations: Union Pacific Railway Co., \$9,000; Burlington & Missouri River Railway Co., \$9,000; Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co., \$7,000. These amounts were paid into the treasury of the commission by the donors, and were used in payment of the expenses incidental to collecting, preparing and installing the various exhibits and the moving picture exhibition. This amount paid all the expenses of the commission until about the middle of the past summer, when the first requisition was made upon the state treasurer for \$20,000. The commission estimated that this amount would pay all its expenses for the remainder of the exposition. A warrant was drawn and then turned over by the state auditor to the commission, with the understanding that subvouchers for the individual amounts spent were to be furnished later. This the commission has done, for the amounts

of money spent out of this \$20,000, namely, \$19,809.70 and the balance of \$190.30 has been turned over to the state treasurer.

In addition to the above amount, the commission also received \$250 from the Beatrice Creamery Co., \$125 from the Hygeia Creamery Co., of Omaha, and \$125 from the Fairmont Creamery Co., of Fairmont, making a total of \$500. This sum was paid to the commission with the express understanding that it was to be used only to pay for the charge of that amount made by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition Company for the necessary refrigeration in connection with the state's dairy exhibit.

It will thus be seen that \$60,500 was placed at the disposal of the Nebraska Commission, of which \$45,309.70 has been expended in collecting, installing and maintaining the various exhibits at St. Louis.

The secretary of the commission was authorized to sell such of the exhibits and installation as could be disposed of, and from such sales he realized the sum of \$590.75 which was turned over to the commissioner of public lands and buildings as provided by the act creating the commission.

It will thus be seen that out of the sum of \$35,000 appropriated by the state, only \$19,809.70 has been used, and the balance of \$15,190.30 remains in the hands of the state treasurer.

The moving picture films and negatives, together with much valuable exhibit material, have been turned over to the commissioner of public lands and buildings, for such future use as the state may desire.

That such a showing could be made is due to the fact that the commission has exercised the utmost care in managing its affairs. All unnecessary expense in the matter of attendants and in the collection of exhibits, was avoided. The commission was fortunate in securing a number of highly competent men as superintendents, who gave their services to the state without compensation, as well as a number of assistants and attendants who served for a reasonable compensation. The commission was also fortunate in the selection of its secretary

H. G. Shedd of Lincoln. By his earnest efforts and competent service the commission was relieved of many of the cares and details of the work. Great assistance has been rendered by various organizations in the state, by the railroad companies, by the newspapers and farm journals, and by numerous individuals who have generously made contributions of products and other exhibit materials. The constant interest of F. W. Taylor, formerly of Nebraska, chief of the agricultural and horticultural departments of the exposition, has also been of valuable assistance to the commission in innumerable ways. During the entire time that the commission has been at work, Mr. Taylor has exhibited the most friendly interest, and by reason of his great experience in exposition work, and his commanding position at the late exposition, he was enabled to assist the Nebraska Commission in the successful execution of its plans.

All of these elements have contributed to the excellent financial showing which the commission takes pleasure in presenting to your excellency and the citizens of Nebraska.

The general statement of the finances of the commission is given below:

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Receipts.

Appropriation by the state of Nebraska.....	\$35,000 00
Donation, Union Pacific Railway Co.....	9,000 00
Donation, Burlington & Missouri River R. R. Co....	9,000 00
Donation, Chicago & North-Western Railway Co...	7,000 00
Donation, Beatrice Creamery Co., Lincoln.....	250 00
Donation, Hygeia Creamery Co., Omaha.....	125 00
Donation, Fairmont Creamery Co., Fairmont.....	125 00
Received from sale of exhibits and installation....	590 75
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	\$61,090 75

Disbursements.

Agricultural exhibit	\$8,814 93
Horticultural exhibit	4,435 84
Educational exhibit, including mineral and social science exhibits	4,839 36

Moving picture exhibit	7,103	01
Nebraska pavilion	6,949	89
Live stock exhibit	1,404	95
Poultry exhibit	169	08
Dairy exhibit	1,168	22
State Historical Society exhibit	129	37
Employees	3,745	58
Advertising	1,728	81
Miscellaneous matters	3,167	08
Entertainment	852	55
Commissioners' hotel and traveling expenditures...	801	03
Paid commissioner public lands and buildings, re- ceipts from sale of exhibits and installation.....	590	75
Balance refunded to state treasurer	15,190	30
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	\$61,090	75

EXPENDITURES IN DETAIL AS SHOWN BY VOUCHERS ON FILE WITH
THE STATE AUDITOR.

Voucher.	1903	Amount.
1. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, money expended for post- age and office supplies		\$144 19
2. Smith Premier Typewriter Co., Omaha, machine and supplies		98 40
3. Orchard & Wilhelm Co., Omaha, office furniture.		98 10
4. Megeath Stationery Co., Omaha, office supplies..		51 85
5. Ivy Press, Lincoln, printed letterheads and en- velopes		11 05
6. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, money paid on rent, June, 1903		8 00
7. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services assistant secretary, May 10 to July 10, 1903.....		250 00
8. Ivy Press, Lincoln, lithographed letterheads and vouchers		36 15
9. Smith Premier Typewriter Co., Omaha, supplies		2 45
10. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, money expended for sup- plies and traveling expenses, May, June and July, 1903		55 90
11. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services assistant secre- tary, July 10 to August 10, 1903.....		125 00
12. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, money expended for tele- phone		1 25

Voucher.	Amount.
13. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, July 8 to September 8, 1903	16 00
14. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, service, September	1 25
15. John Anderson, labor, agricultural department. .	2 60
16. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, service, June, July and August.....	12 68
17. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, telephone and telegrams, August	8 32
18. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services, assistant secretary, August 10 to September 10.....	125 00
19. Megeath Stationery Co., Omaha, office supplies..	2 85
20. Union National Bank, Omaha, telephone, June and July	2 80
21. Wilson & Hall, Lincoln, flags.....	1 50
22. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling and incidental expenses moving pictures	94 41
23. Lincoln Sign Works, Lincoln, muslin banner, state fair	2 00
24. New Omaha Thomson-Houston Electric Light Co., Omaha, desk lamp and current for August	4 70
25. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, September 8, to October 8.....	8 00
26. Baker Furniture Co., Omaha, bookcase.....	18 75
27. Lincoln Tent & Awning Co., Lincoln, rent tent state fair	7 50
28. J. P. Cooke Co., Omaha, rubber stamps.....	2 45
29. Jas. Walsh, Benson, money expended for hardware, lumber and rent warehouse, agriculture	43 89
30. J. H. Taylor, Waterloo, labor, agriculture.....	9 10
31. Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha, wax paper, horticulture	22 50
32. National Mfg.Co., Lincoln, oak frames, education	9 00
33. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expense superintendent of education, August 17 to September 10.....	29 95
34. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services assistant secretary, September 10 to October 10.....	125 00
35. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, October 9 to November 9.....	8 00
36. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expense assistant secretary, August 22 to 30.....	1 97

Voucher.	Amount.
37. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, service, October	1 25
38. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, telegrams, October	5 37
39. E. J. Sullivan, Omaha, warehouse rent, agriculture	15 00
40. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses superintendent of horticulture, October	28 46
41. Clopp & Bartlett, Omaha, 500 shipping tags, horticulture	2 00
42. Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha, tissue paper, horticulture	16 50
43. Bullard & Hoagland, Omaha, lumber, agriculture	9 77
44. C. D. Stoner, Polk county, services collecting sheaf grain	25 00
45. S. H. Dole & Son, Gage county, services collecting sheaf grain	25 00
46. J. J. Buckmaster, Knox county, services collecting sheaf grain	25 00
47. S. Clingman, Butler county, services, collecting sheaf grain	25 00
48. J. C. Dort, Pawnee county, services collecting sheaf grain	25 00
49. J. W. Darrah, Nemaha county, services collecting sheaf grain	25 00
50. Chas. Grau, Douglas county, services collecting sheaf grain	25 00
51. Payne-Bostwick & Co., Omaha, warehouse rent, October 21 to November 21.....	25 00
52. G. C. Christy, Johnson, 61½ barrels of apples, horticulture	378 50
53. Nehawka Fruit Farm, Nehawka, 3 barrels apples, horticulture	15 00
54. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, long distance service, September, 1903	3 10
55. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, service, October	2 66
56. J. C. Dort, Pawnee City, boxing grain, agriculture	1 50
57. E. J. Sullivan, Omaha, warehouse rent, November 1 to December 1.....	15 00
58. Clement Chase, Omaha, 250 printed notices, agriculture	2 00

Voucher.	Amount.
59. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, service, October 10 to November 10	125 00
60. Orchard & Wilhelm Co., Omaha, two chairs.....	5 00
61. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expense superintendent of horticulture, October	9 55
62. Nehawka Fruit Farm, Nehawka, 15 boxes apples, horticulture	37 50
63. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, November 10 to December 10	8 00
64. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, service, November	1 25
65. H. J. Loughran, Boone county, collecting sheaf grain	25 00
66. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, money expended for telegrams and express	6 50
67. Johnson Bros., Omaha, storage and freight paid.	16 14
68. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses, superintendent of education	8 70
69. E. G. Woodruff, labor, education.....	19 62
70. Adams Express Co., express, agriculture.....	10 75
71. Ivy Press, Lincoln, 5000 letterheads, cards and vouchers	34 50
72. Selig Polyscope Co., Chicago, 1000 ft. moving picture negatives and positives	500 00
73. E. G. Hills, labor, agriculture.....	74 70
74. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expenses, moving pictures	40 46
75. C. C. Wright, Thedford, collecting grasses, agriculture	75 00
76. J. H. Taylor, Waterloo, collecting grasses, agriculture	75 00
77. Wm. James, Crete, collecting grasses, agriculture	75 00
78. C. H. Miller, Broken Bow, collecting grain, agriculture	25 00
79. Wm. James, Crete, collecting grain, agriculture.	25 00
80. Lincoln Hardware Co., Lincoln, hardware, education	8 00
81. Review Press, Lincoln, stationery, education....	6 00
82. Jos. Maguire, Omaha, coal, W. H., agriculture..	12 37
83. C. E. Bessey, Lincoln, expenses judging grasses, agriculture	3 40

Voucher.	Amount.
84. Nebraska Paper & Bag Co., Lincoln, strawboard, education	1 55
85. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, service, December	4 24
86. Miller & Paine, Lincoln, 103 yards burlap, education	7 73
87. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, November 10 to December 10.....	125 00
88. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, December 10 to January 10, 1904.....	8 00
89. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, office phone December	1 25
90. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, warehouse phone, December, agriculture	3 75
91. E. J. Sullivan, Omaha, warehouse rent. December, agriculture	15 00
92. E. G. Hills, labor, November, agriculture.....	50 00
93. Bessie Devitte, Omaha, services, October 22 to November 22, agriculture	40 00
94. Ida Bowes, Omaha, services, October 21 to November 21, agriculture	40 00
95. Sadie Hoyer, Omaha, services, November 1 to December 1, agriculture	40 00
96. Anna Frederickson, services, November 5 to December 5, agriculture	40 00
97. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expense moving pictures, November	23 19
98. David Hunter, Florence, 14 barrels apples, horticulture	23 33
99. Glenn Buell, 2 barrels apples, horticulture.....	9 00
100. Payne-Bostwick Co., Omaha, warehouse rent November 21 to December 21, agriculture.....	25 00
101. Johnson Bros., Omaha, freight and storage, agriculture	15 16
102. E. E. Smith, expenses judging grain, agriculture	11 60
103. H. Smidt, Bennington, premium, sheaf grain....	6 00
104. J. Brown, Bennington, premium, sheaf grain....	4 00
105. F. Moulton, Elk City, premium, sheaf grain....	2 50
106. G. Dierks, Bennington, premium, sheaf grain...	18 00
107. I. Wilt, Bennington, premium, sheaf grain.....	4 00
108. S. Fee, Irvington, premium, sheaf grain.....	2 50
109. G. Coen, Burwyn, premium, sheaf grain.....	6 00

Voucher.	Amount.
110. H. Grau, Elk City, premium, sheaf grain.....	8 00
111. S. Miller, Broken Bow, premium, sheaf grain....	2 50
112. J. Lucken, Irvington, premium, sheaf grain.....	4 00
113. H. J. Laughran, Albion, premium, sheaf grain..	2 50
114. C. Grau, Bennington, premium, sheaf grain.....	8 50
115. Wm. James, Crete, premium, sheaf grain.....	8 50
116. S. K. Haws, Broken Bow, premium, sheaf grain.	4 00
117. W. J. Windagb, Broken Bow, premium, sheaf grain	4 00
118. C. Brush, Auburn	2 50
119. C. C. Wright, Thedford, premium for grasses, agriculture	100 00
120. Peter Jansen, Jansen, expenses commissioner, October and November	12 40
121. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, storage and express, horticulture	77 45
122. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses superintend- ent of education	12 32
123. E. G. Woodruff, labor, education.....	9 00
124. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expenses, Novem- ber and December, moving pictures	13 70
125. Payne-Bostwick Co., Omaha, warehouse rent, December 21 to January 21, 1904, agriculture	25 00
126. G. W. King, Omaha, hardware, agriculture.....	3 16
127. J. H. Taylor, labor collecting grain, agriculture.	11 90
128. Wm. James, Crete, expenses collecting grain, agriculture	34 17
129. E. G. Hills, services, December, agriculture.....	51 50
130. A. B. Gregory, Franklin, collecting grain, agri- culture	3 50
131. J. H. Ballard, Blair, 51 varieties of grain.....	50 00
132. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, Decem- ber 10 to January 10, 1904.....	125 00
133. Ida Bowes, services, November 21 to December 21, agriculture	40 00
134. May Brockelmeyer, services, December 1 to Janu- ary 1, 1904, agriculture	40 00
135. Sadie Hoyer, services, December 1 to January 1, 1904, agriculture	40 00
136. Anna Frederickson, services, December 5 to Jan- uary 5, 1904, agriculture	40 00

Voucher.	Amount.
137. Bessie Devitte, services, November 22 to December 8, agriculture	20 00
138. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner, August to January	16 63
139. Johnson Bros., Omaha, freight and drayage, agriculture	3 72
140. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, services, December	2 69
141. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, January 8 to February 8.....	8 00
142. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expenses, December 19 to January 5, moving pictures	20 85
143. A. B. Gregory, Franklin, collecting corn.....	10 00
144. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses superintendent of horticulture	3 00
145. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha service, agriculture	4 60
146. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, service, office..	1 25
147. Ivy Press, Lincoln, printed supplies.....	4 50
148. E. J. Sullivan, Omaha, warehouse rent, January, agriculture	15 00
149. O. J. Fee, Lincoln, expenses, moving pictures...	9 25
150. Megeath Stationery Co., Omaha, office supplies..	1 75
151. Rudge & Guenzel, document file	1 90
152. Cornell Photo. Co., Lincoln, 44 lantern slides...	14 95
153. Jas. Walsh, Benson, incidental supplies, agriculture	11 07
154. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, telegrams, December....	1 50
155. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, part payment services superintendent of education	100 00
156. Ivy Press, Lincoln, 10,000 circulars and envelopes, education	76 00
157. Cornell Photo. Co., Lincoln, steel etching for map, education	1 44
158. Nebraska Paper & Bag Co., Lincoln, 5,000 envelopes, education	8 25
159. Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha, 5,000 envelopes, education	9 25
160. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, postage on circulars....	70 25
161. Payne-Bostwick Co., Omaha, warehouse rent, January 21 to February 21, agriculture	25 00

Voucher.	Amount.
162. O'Donahue Redmond Co., 220 yards cloth, agriculture	12 64
163. Anna Frederickson, services, January 5 to February 5, agriculture	40 00
164. Sadie Hoyer, services, January 1 to February 1, agriculture	40 00
165. May Brockelmeyer, services, January 1 to February 1, agriculture	40 00
166. Ida Bowes, services, December 21 to January 21, agriculture	40 00
167. E. G. Hills, services, January, agriculture.....	50 00
168. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, January 10 to February 10.....	125 00
169. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expenses, January, moving pictures	14 70
170. E. G. Woodruff, labor, education	6 75
171. Selig Polyscope Co., Chicago, 3,000 feet moving picture negatives and positives.....	1,500 00
172. W. F. Smith & Co., Omaha, office rent, February 8 to March 8.....	8 00
173. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, office service, February	1 25
174. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, February 10 to March 10.....	125 00
175. Dierks Lumber Co., Lincoln, lumber, education..	18 00
176. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses superintendent of horticulture	4 30
177. W. J. Hesser, Plattsmouth, hot-house plants, horticulture	50 00
178. Sunderland Bros., Omaha, coal, agriculture....	7 15
179. Nebraska Telephone Co., Omaha, service, agriculture	4 10
180. F. E. Clements, Lincoln, classifying grasses, agriculture	8 55
181. Johnson Bros., Omaha, freight and drayage, agriculture	8 17
182. E. J. Sullivan, Omaha, warehouse rent, February, agriculture	15 00
183. E. G. Hills, services, February, agriculture.....	50 00
184. Anna Frederickson, services, February 5 to 16, agriculture	16 50

Voucher.	Amount.
185. Sadie Hoyer, services, February 5 to 16, agriculture	22 40
186. May Brockelmeyer, services, February 5 to 16, agriculture	22 40
187. Ida Bowes, services, January 21 to February 16, agriculture	38 40
188. J. W. Magney, Weeping Water, collecting corn...	3 50
189. Payne-Bostwick Co., Omaha, warehouse rent, February 21 to March 21, agriculture.....	25 00
190. Wm. James, Crete, money paid for corn and expenses collecting same.....	204 95
191. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling expenses, February, moving pictures	37 84
192. Cancelled.	
193. Smith Premier Typewriter Co., supplies.....	2 55
194. J. Morton & Son, Omaha, wire, agriculture.....	4 25
195. Helena Redford, Lincoln, labor, education.....	38 75
196. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses superintendent of education	2 95
197. Hayden Bros., Omaha, cloth, agriculture.....	3 95
198. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, telephone and telegraph	1 61
199. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, services, February	4 86
200. F. A. Kerhe, Omaha, carpenter work, agriculture	10 50
201. Bemis Bag Co., Omaha, bags, agriculture.....	9 63
202. Expressman's Delivery Co., Omaha, crating furniture	8 80
203. S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, expenses superintendent of dairy exhibit	2 24
204. G. W. King, Omaha, hardware, agriculture.....	3 26
205. E. G. Hills, incidental expenses, shipping exhibits	5 50
206. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, contingent fund for necessary expenses in installing Nebraska exhibits, St. Louis	500 00
207. F. Echtenkamp, Arlington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	57 83
208. R. Hogue, Crete, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	28 93
209. C. M. Schmale, Emerald, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	13 91

Voucher.	Amount.
210. Jos. Hall, Tekamah, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	40 27
211. C. F. Chase, Pawnee City, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	17 94
212. J. M. Wild, De Soto, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	40 20
213. Harry Seltz, De Soto, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	73
214. H. M. Smith & Son, De Soto, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	116 82
215. C. B. Camp, Cheney, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	11 71
216. N. P. Jensen, Lincoln, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	13 91
217. G. W. Monnich, Hooper, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	24 17
218. Wm. Ernst, Jr., Graf, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	6 58
219. A. Martin, Du Bois, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	26 00
220. A. J. Olsen, Wahoo	21 97
221. C. B. Barton, Beatrice, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	146 00
222. C. Grau, Bennington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	18 31
223. Susan Lewis, Nebraska City, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	10 99
224. F. B. Liphardt, Graf, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	28 20
225. D. M. Syford, Lincoln, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	7 32
226. J. A. Spangler, Arlington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	12 45
227. H. Matthews, De Soto, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	16 85
228. Jno. Chelmka, Valparaiso, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	12 45
229. J. C. Lloyd, Utica, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	26 37
230. R. M. Wolcott, Palmer, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	38 05
231. H. T. Avery, Unadilla, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	14 65

Voucher.	Amount.
232. C. A. Mahan, Malcolm, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	7 32
233. J. E. Atkinson, Pawnee City, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	19 04
234. M. C. Hurlburt, Fairbury, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	13 18
235. M. McCormick, Beaver, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	7 69
236. B. Van Grenningen, Adams, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	6 59
237. J. C. Petrie, Seward, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	4 39
238. Geo. Dierks, Bennington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	16 48
239. Jno. Shievs, Beatrice, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	73
240. Aye Bros., Blair, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	31 49
241. J. A. Miller, Arlington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	73
242. C. Carberg, Arlington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	11 21
243. Wm. Hilgenkamp, Arlington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	2 19
244. C. Bochschatte, Arlington, premium, Nebraska Corn Show	16 11
245. Wm. Sutherland, St. Louis, on account contract price Nebraska pavilion, Agricultural Palace..	2,220 00
246. W. M. Sutherland, St. Louis fire-proofing canvas Nebraska pavilion, as ordered by Exposition Company	20 00
247. R. G. Schisler, St. Louis, flooring mineral exhibit	39 27
248. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, March 10 to April 10	125 00
249. E. G. Hills, service, March, agriculture.....	50 00
250. Johnson Bros., Omaha, freight and drayage, agriculture	79 01
251. Wm. James, Crete, money expended collecting corn, expenses collecting same, and freight on car-load exhibits from Lincoln, agriculture exhibit	360 27
252. E. G. Hills, money expended hardware, crates, etc., agriculture	15 25

Voucher.	Amount.
253. Kostka Glass & Paint Co., Lincoln, paint, education	2 10
254. Lincoln Drug Co., Lincoln, corks, education	1 10
255. Lincoln Hardware Co., Lincoln, hardware, education	2 20
256. Miller & Paine, Lincoln, burlap, education	2 85
257. Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha, paper, education..	7 96
258. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, money expended for labor, educational exhibit, and expenses as superintendent	134 70
259. A. D. Gregg, Lincoln, 40 cases, State Historical Society exhibit	58 00
260. Standard Planing Mill, Lincoln, lumber, State Historical Society exhibit	4 95
261. Cornell Photo Co., Lincoln, 46 lantern slides....	16 10
262. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses, February, superintendent of horticulture	10 36
263. W. J. Hesser, Plattsmouth, plants, horticulture..	82 30
264. Lincoln Trans. Co., Lincoln, freight and drayage, agriculture	69 73
265. R. M. Wolcott, Palmer, corn, agriculture	11 25
266. T. L. Lyon, Lincoln, packing corn show exhibit..	9 50
267. J. D. Hasik, Abie, corn and grain, agriculture..	4 75
268. E. G. Hills, money paid for corn, boxes for same, agriculture	43 63
269. P. C. Mattox, St. Louis, rustic arbor, horticulture	85 00
270. Johnson Bros., Omaha, freight charges paid, exhibit from Omaha, agriculture	95 04
271. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, storage on fruit, horticulture	40 50
272. Emil Granberg, lumber for tables, horticulture..	81 72
273. Payne-Bostwick Co., Omaha, warehouse rent, March 21 to 30, agriculture	7 50
274. J. W. Haws, Minden, collecting sheaf grain, agriculture	15 00
275. Johnson Bros., Omaha, drayage and freight advertising exhibits, agriculture	55 61
276. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, services, February	1 48
277. St. Louis Safe & Desk Co., St. Louis, one safe....	55 00
278. Ivy Press, Lincoln, 2,000 envelopes	7 75
279. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies	1 07

Voucher.	Amount.
280. Peter Jansen, Jansen, expenses commissioner, December 17 to April 10.....	43 54
281. Postal Telegraph Co., Omaha, services, March...	1 60
282. Kostka Glass & Paint Co., Lincoln, 40 pieces plate glass, Historical Society exhibit.....	40 00
283. Miller & Paine, Lincoln, 25 yards cloth, His- torical Society	3 75
284. Great Western Type Foundry, type for labels, Historical Society	1 96
285. W. A. Bailey, Lincoln, painting cases, Historical Society exhibit	16 55
286. Lammert Furniture Co., six rockers for pavilion	29 75
287. Zahn Electric Co., St. Louis, installing electric wiring, as per specifications.....	97 00
288. W. M. Sutherland, St. Louis, balance on Nebraska pavilion contract, corn tower and extras as specified	3,123 00
289. Ivy Press, Lincoln, folders, education.....	3 25
290. H. I. Redford, Lincoln, traveling expenses, edu- cational exhibit	33 25
291. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, expenses commissioner and money paid for telegrams February 23 to April 1	23 32
292. Woodruff-Collins Printing Co., Lincoln, printed supplies, education	47 90
293. Cornell Photo Co., Lincoln, photos, prints and transparencies, education	35 74
294. Lincoln Transfer Co., Lincoln, freight and dray- age, educational exhibit	4 55
295. Lincoln Photo Supply Co., Lincoln, supplies, edu- cation	11 17
296. Harry Porter, Lincoln, school supplies, educa- tional exhibit	9 05
297. T. J. Thorpe & Co., sign markers, educational exhibit	3 90
298. Lincoln Hardware Co., Lincoln, hardware, edu- cation	1 38
299. Dierks Lumber Co., Lincoln lumber, education..	47 05
300. Standard Planing Mill Co., Lincoln, bases and moulding, education	75 25
301. Prof. Caldwell, Peru, photographs, State Normal exhibit	26 75

Voucher.	Amount.
302. G. A. Crancer Co., Lincoln, photo supplies, education	2 58
303. Lincoln Sign Works, Lincoln, lettering cases, education	5 00
304. Lincoln Upholstering Co., Lincoln, excelsior, education	4 81
305. E. G. Woodruff, Lincoln, incidentals for educational exhibit	2 90
306. A. O. Wiggerjost, Lincoln, clerical work, education	14 20
307. E. G. Hills, services, April, agriculture	60 00
308. Wm. James, Crete, services, April, agriculture..	75 00
309. J. W. Scarborough, services, April 11 to May 11, agriculture	75 00
310. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, April 10 to May 10	125 00
311. Kostka Glass & Paint Co., Lincoln, supplies, education	10 00
312. Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha, cardboard, education	36 67
313. M. C. McMahon, labor, education	6 72
314. J. Cather, labor, education	3 30
315. J. L. Pepperberg, labor, education.....	1 25
316. Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, hardware, agriculture	93 92
317. Jas. Walsh, Benson, money paid for corn and expenses collecting same	177 35
318. Jos. Herstine Plumbing Co., St. Louis, plumbing and sewerage, as per specifications, Nebraska pavilion	160 00
319. Western Glass & Paint Co., Lincoln, paint and supplies, education	2 55
320. Lincoln Hardware Co., Lincoln, tools, education	3 00
321. General Service Co., St. Louis, transfer exhibit material, education	12 85
322. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses superintendent of horticulture	10 95
323. Wm. James, Crete, money paid for corn, and expenses collecting same, agriculture.....	64 71
324. H. Polhill Co., St. Louis, 18 banners and signs, Nebraska pavilion	39 40

Voucher.	Amount.
325. Frank A. Ward, mounting steer "Challenger" and express charges on same	197 20
326. E. G. Woodruff, Lincoln, labor, education.....	40 25
327. C. A. Barbour, services two months, education..	140 00
328. E. L. Webster, labor, education.....	91 00
329. N. F. Graham, labor, education	11 92
330. E. H. Bowman, labor, education.....	3 23
331. John Uhl, Lincoln, labor, education.....	2 70
332. G. W. Hoar, labor, education.....	5 18
333. Glen Smith, labor, education	13 43
334. P. R. Jones, labor, education	3 15
335. Helena I. Redford, two months' labor, education	133 00
336. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses superintendent of education	167 03
337. Jos. Hadkinson, services one-third month, April, horticulture	25 00
338. Orchard & Wilhelm, Omaha, expenses, decorator and designer for Nebraska pavilion.....	267 30
339. Lee Smith, 40 bushels seed corn, agriculture....	100 00
340. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner, December 21 to March 30.....	24 01
341. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, contingent fund for necessary expenses installing and starting Nebraska exhibits	375 02
342. Herman & Co., St. Louis, sign, horticulture.....	15 00
343. A. L. Fleshman, St. Louis, table, Nebraska pavilion	25 00
344. Official Photo Co., St. Louis, moving picture service, April 29 to May 26	400 00
345. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, expenses commissioner, April 29 to May 30	22 70
346. Peter Jansen, Jansen, expenses commissioner, April 27 to May 2	26 15
347. Lammert Furniture Co., St. Louis, six settees and rockers, pavilion	30 50
348. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies.....	11 93
349. J. H. Crane Co., St. Louis, table, pavilion.....	5 00
350. A. H. Andrews Co., Chicago, 104 opera chairs, theatre	161 20
351. J. L. Krez Mfg. Co., St. Louis, 16 sheets asbestos, theatre	17 51

Voucher.	Amount.
352. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner, April 27 to May 27	23 85
353. Jas. Walsh, Benson, money paid for lumber and incidentals, agriculture	32 00
354. Zahn Electric Co., St. Louis, special wiring, mov- ing picture motor	10 95
355. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, contingent fund for ex- penses of Nebraska exhibits for June.....	100 00
356. Buxton & Skinner, St. Louis, 500 printed cards, horticulture	9 35
357. J. H. Crane Co., St. Louis, one desk, four rock- ers and chairs, horticulture.....	26 50
358. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, drayage for fruit, horticulture	1 90
359. R. G. Schisler, St. Louis, burlaping, boarding and painting rear wall education exhibit.....	47 50
360. Lincoln Upholstering Co., Lincoln, two packages excelsior, education	2 52
361. Buxton & Skinner, St. Louis, two Wernicke units, seven tops, three bases	13 90
362. W. M. Sutherland, St. Louis, contract price, edu- cational booth	869 00
363. Edith L. Webster, services, May, education.....	75 00
364. Carrie A. Barbour, services, May, education....	70 00
365. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses, May, super- intendent of education	208 69
366. Johnson Bros., Omaha, twenty-six jars corn pro- ducts, freight and drayage, agriculture.....	32 02
367. J. H. Taylor, collecting corn, agriculture.....	16 00
368. J. W. Scarborough, labor, corn tower, tools, etc., May 8 to 12	27 83
369. E. G. Hills, tools, agriculture	60
370. Miss C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic work, agriculture	1 50
371. S. E. Brassfield, labor, agriculture.....	41 00
372. Mrs. Wm. James, labor, agriculture.....	13 60
373. Roy James, labor, agriculture.....	19 72
374. Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, hardware, agriculture	25 00
375. Wm. James, Crete, buying and collecting corn; money paid for incidentals, agriculture.....	15 35

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376. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, incidental expenses secretary, April 30 to May 27.....	61 46
377. A. L. Haecker, Lincoln, expenses assistant superintendent of dairying, May	23 40
378. S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, expenses superintendent of dairying, February 23 to April 30.....	22 05
379. F. M. Randall, St. Louis, one case grape juice...	5 00
380. Welch Grape Juice Co., grape juice.....	12 00
381. Miss C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic work, secretary, April and May	36 85
382. Erker Opt. Co., St. Louis, three lantern slides...	1 50
383. Rees Printing Co., Omaha, 50,000 handbooks on Nebraska	590 70
384. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses superintendent of horticulture	47 15
385. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services assistant superintendent of horticulture, May	75 00
386. Wm. James, Crete, services, May, assistant superintendent of agriculture	75 00
387. E. G. Hills, services, May, assistant superintendent of agriculture	75 00
388. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, May 10 to June 10	125 00
389. Harry Weatherwax, services in full, superintendent of building and installation	50 00
390. Comfort Printing Co., St. Louis, stationery correspondence table	39 00
391. Official Photo Co., St. Louis, service, moving picture, May 27 to June 25	400 00
392. Bush & Latta, St. Louis, 355 yards, burlaping, painting, gilding, lettering, etc., Nebraska pavilion and corn tower	192 85
393. A. L. Haecker, Lincoln, services, June, assistant superintendent of dairying	75 00
394. A. L. Haecker, Lincoln, money expended for photos., maps, butter, etc., dairy exhibit.....	26 52
395. G. W. Alexander, Julian, expenses called meeting horticulturists	5 60
396. Erker Bros. Opt. Co., St. Louis, fifty-five lantern slides	22 10
397. C. Young & Sons Co., St. Louis, pots for plants, horticulture	7 95

Voucher.	Amount.
398. L. Bauman & Co., St. Louis, artificial vines and leaves, horticulture	64 75
399. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses, May 24 to June 30, superintendent of horticulture.....	118 48
400. Edith L. Webster, services June, education.....	75 00
401. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, June 10 to July 1	83 34
402. A. S. Reasoner, services lecturer, June 3 to July 1	70 00
403. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services, June, assistant superintendent of horticulture.....	75 00
404. E. G. Hills, services, June, agriculture.....	75 00
405. Wm. James, Crete, services, June, agriculture..	75 00
406. Chas. Ussang, artificial morning glories, agriculture	11 47
407. J. H. Crane Co., St. Louis, one table, dairy exhibit	5 00
408. S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, three photographs for dairy exhibit	2 00
409. Lammert Furn. Co., St. Louis, six settees, pavilion	45 00
410. Official Photo. Co., St. Louis, service, moving picture, June 23 to July 7.....	200 00
411. G. A. Jacobson, St. Louis, altering opera chairs.	4 00
412. Commercial Electric Supply Co., St. Louis, eight electric fans and fixtures.....	119 20
413. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, ice, horticulture	24 25
414. Ed Malm, St. Louis, dairy installation.....	14 00
415. H. Polhill Co., St. Louis, sign, moving pictures..	37 24
416. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 2,000-lb. ice-book, pavilion	10 00
417. Comfort Printing Co., St. Louis, 5,000 printed envelopes	3 00
418. Western Union Telegraph Co., Omaha, telegrams	1 28
419. Postal Telegraph Co., Omaha, telegrams.....	1 11
420. Miss C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic work secretary, June	23 85
421. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, stationery and supplies	7 10
422. Ludlow-Saylor Wire Co., St. Louis, wire sign, pavilion, as per specifications	30 00

Voucher.	Amount.
423. Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., electric service, June	37 66
424. Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, three water coolers and hardware, pavilion	35 98
425. E. G. Baker Co., painting and finishing educational cases and exhibits	27 00
426. Nebraska School for the Deaf, Omaha, transporting and maintaining class in social science exhibit	100 63
427. Sam Brassfield, labor, agriculture	47 00
428. Wm. James, Crete, money expended for labor and hardware, agriculture	17 35
429. J. C. Robinson, Waterloo, one barrel sweet corn	5 00
430. Jas. Walsh, Benson, expenses, June, superintendent of agriculture, exhibit	22 30
431. G. W. King, Omaha, hardware, agriculture.....	1 65
432. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 2,000 pounds ice, horticulture	8 00
433. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, drayage and storage fruit, horticulture.....	14 17
434. G. C. Christy, Brownville, fruit, horticulture....	18 55
435. Ohio China Co., East Palestine, O., eighty-three and five-sixths dozen plates, horticulture.....	91 61
436. Cornell Photo Co., Lincoln, photographs for horticulture exhibit	36 82
437. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services July, horticulture	75 00
438. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, money paid for express, horticulture	38 48
439. G. A. Marshall, expenses meeting horticulturists, at Lincoln	7 32
440. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses, July, superintendent of horticulture	77 30
441. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses, June and July, superintendent of education	201 76
442. Edith L. Webster, services July, education.....	75 00
443. Lincoln Hardware Co., Lincoln, hardware, education	75
444. Carpenter Paper Co., Omaha, paper and cards, education	3 60
445. Western Glass & Paint Co., Lincoln, glass, education	65

Voucher.	Amount.
446. Harry Porter, Lincoln, supplies, education.....	2 50
447. E. G. Baker & Co., St. Louis, painting windows, tinting wall and staining floors, education....	30 00
448. Miller & Paine, Lincoln, cloth, educational ex- hibit	21 19
449. Buxton & Skinner, St. Louis, bases for exhibit cases and stationery, education.....	23 15
450. Kostka Paint and Glass Co., Lincoln, glass, edu- cational exhibit	26 25
451. A. E. Pope, St. Louis, board and lodging class Nebraska School for Deaf.....	71 90
452. Nebraska State Journal. Lincoln, 25,000 copies map "Nebraska"	192 91
453. E. L. Fleshman, St. Louis, table, Nebraska pa- vilion	7 00
454. Gorman Grilli Co., staff ornaments, corn tower..	25 00
455. Lammert Furniture Co., St. Louis, one table, fourteen settees and rockers	81 00
456. Cornell Photo Co., Lincoln, thirteen lantern slides	4 55
457. Official Photo Co., St. Louis, moving picture serv- ice, July 8 to August 4.....	400 00
458. Erker Bros. Opt. Co., St. Louis, three lantern slides	1 20
459. Smith Premier Typewriter Co., typewriter roller	2 00
460. Kate Halleron, St. Louis, stenographic work, secretary	13 60
461. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 2,000 pounds ice, pavilion	10 00
462. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies.....	8 65
463. Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, floor brushes and supplies	3 25
464. Ivy Press, Lincoln, 5,000 lithographed letterheads	20 50
465. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, toweling and telegrams...	6 58
466. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner, July	115 83
467. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, expenses commissioner, May 28 to July 6.....	48 30
468. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services, secretary, July..	125 00
469. Mrs. H. Hampton, St. Louis, janitor service, July, pavilion	40 00
470. A. S. Reasoner, services, July, lecturer, theatre..	75 00
471. F. L. Rain, services, July, lecturer, theatre.....	75 00

Voucher.	Amount.
472 Wm. James, Crete, services, July, agriculture....	75 00
473. E. G. Hills, services, July, agriculture	75 00
474. Comfort Printing Co., St. Louis, printed labels. agriculture	4 00
475. Jas. Walsh, Benson, expenses superintendent of agriculture	10 35
476. Peter Jansen, Jansen, expenses commissioner, July	49 50
477. Kennard Carpet Co., St. Louis, 334 feet guard rope, ends, brass hooks, fixtures and labor....	187 35
478. Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., electric serv- ice, July	88 87
479. Fred Schmale, St. Louis, modeling dairy exhibit.	20 00
480. Chas. Kirshman, St. Louis, time and material, in- stalling electric fans	32 25
481. L. D. Stilson, services, dairy, August 6 to 31....	62 50
482. A. L. Haecker, Lincoln, services, dairy, August 1 to 6, and incidental expenses.....	17 40
483. St. Louis Dairy Co., thirty-three pounds butter, dairy exhibit	8 25
484. Herbert Polhill Co., St. Louis, three signs, dairy exhibit	2 00
485. Selig Polyscope Co., Chicago, 2,291 feet moving picture negative and positive; 640 feet positive film	1,241 50
486. J. C. Peters, janitor service, July, education and mines	8 00
487. F. W. Taylor, St. Louis, ninety-seven feet iron railing, four posts, corn exhibit.....	76 14
488. Jno. G. Weber & Son, Clayton, Mo., twenty gal- lons oil, pavilion floor	17 65
489. E. G. Hills, service, August, agriculture.....	75 00
490. Wm. James, Crete, service, August, agriculture	75 00
491. Edith L. Webster, service, August, education...	75 00
492. J. C. Peters, janitor service, August, education and mines	10 00
493. L. D. Stilson, service, August, dairy	75 00
494. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services, August. horticulture	75 00
495. Official Photograph Co., St. Louis, moving pic- ture service, August 4 to September 1.....	400 00
496. H. C. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, August	125 00

Voucher.	Amount.
497. A. S. Reasoner, services, Aug. 1 and 2, lecturer..	5 00
498. Mrs. Helen Hampton, St. Louis, janitor service, August, pavilion	40 00
499. E. H. Clark, Lincoln, service, August, lecturer..	75 00
500. Geo. C. Shedd, Lincoln, service, August 20 to 31, lecturer	30 00
501. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, express, horticultural ex- hibit	73 67
502. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 4,000 pounds ice, pavilion	20 00
503. Comfort Printing Co., St. Louis, 1,000 labels, 1,000 envelopes	6 50
504. Orchard & Wilhelm, Omaha, two curtains. theatre	20 00
505. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies.....	3 25
506. Miss C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic serv- ice, August	3 00
507. Edith L. Webster, painting lantern slides.....	13 00
508. Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., electric serv- ice, August	37 00
509. General Service Co., St. Louis, transfer, educa- tional exhibit	1 10
510. St. Louis Dairy Co., four pounds butter, dairy exhibit	1 00
511. J. North & Co., Lincoln, two visitor registers....	18 00
512. Wm. Waltke, St. Louis, one box soap.....	3 85
513. Erker Bros. Opt. Co., St. Louis, nine lantern slides	2 25
514. J. Cady, signs, agriculture	13 50
515. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner. August	116 40
516. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, money paid for signs, agri- culture	7 80
517. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, traveling and incidental ex- penses as secretary, August 1 to September 5..	40 36
518. Omaha Box Company, Omaha, 100 apple boxes. horticulture	13 00
519. Frank L. Rain, services, August, lecturer.....	75 00
520. Wm. H. Thompson, Treas. L. P. E. Co., Nebraska pro rata share dairy refrigeration	500 00
521. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses, August, super- intendent of horticulture	59 99

Voucher.	Amount.
522. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, storage and drayage fruit, horticulture	21 45
523. McCormick & Koopman, Fremont, fruit.....	60 00
524. J. M. Russell, Lincoln, fruit, horticulture.....	95 00
525. G. S. Christy, Brownville, fruit, horticulture....	17 25
526. C. H. Frey, Lincoln, fruit, horticulture.....	129 50
527. B. Wolph, Weeping Water, fruit, horticulture...	3 00
528. Selig Polyscope Co., Chicago, 1,700 feet positive film	255 00
529. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, second payment, services superintendent of education	250 00
530. Pacific Express Co., express, horticulture.....	37 50
531. G. C. Shedd, Lincoln, services, September 1 to 25, lecturer	62 50
532. L. D. Stilson, services, September, dairy.....	75 00
533. Edith L. Webster, services, September, education	75 00
534. R. S. Williams, janitor service, September, education and mines	10 00
535. D. D. Wayn, janitor service, July 1 to September 30, horticulture	15 00
536. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services, September, horticulture	75 00
537. Wm. James, Crete, services, September, agriculture	75 00
538. E. G. Hills, services, September, agriculture....	75 00
539. Official Photograph Co., St. Louis, moving picture service, September 1 to 29.....	400 00
540. Mrs. M. Eastman, services hostess, September 18 to 30.	32 50
541. Mrs. H. Hampton, janitor service, September. pavilion	40 00
542. W. C. Mercer, services, September, lecturer.....	75 00
543. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services, secretary, September	125 00
544. Buell Chessington, services, September 29 and 30, lecturer	5 00
545. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies.....	6 00
546. Peter Jansen, Jansen, expenses commissioner. September	59 25
547. Erker Bros. Opt. Co., St. Louis, seven lantern slides	3 25
548. H. Polhill Co., St. Louis, repairing clock hands..	1 00

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549. Comfort Printing Co., St. Louis, 5,000 printed note heads	6 00
550. Rees Printing Co., Omaha, 50,780 Nebraska hand-books	508 70
551. R. E. Stuart, Omaha, expenses sending class Nebraska School for Deaf to Fair	23 54
552. L. D. Stilson, incidentals for dairy and honey exhibits	6 57
553. General Service Co., St. Louis, storage of crates, education	13 20
554. J. A. Yager, services, September, horticulture...	26 00
555. Julian Fruit Farm, Julian, fruit, horticulture..	165 73
556. G. S. Christy, Brownville, fruit, horticulture....	71 85
557. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses superintendent of horticulture	84 95
558. Ohio China Company, East Palestine, O., extra plates, horticulture	38 18
559. J. Cady, painting and labeling, Nebraska pavilion	24 00
560. J. Cady, services, horticulture	7 50
561. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 3,000 pounds ice, pavilion	30 00
562. Miss C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic work secretary, September	14 60
563. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, express on fruit, horticulture	29 90
564. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, incidental expenses as secretary	21 08
565. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner, September	51 90
566. W. M. Sutherland, St. Louis, enlarging theatre..	50 00
567. Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., electric service, September	69 80
568. Henry F. Kieser, Omaha, 2,000 engraved invitations, Nebraska Day	44 00
569. Mrs. H. Hampton, five days' janitor service....	6 66
570. Pacific Express Co., express on fruit, horticulture	19 11
571. J. M. Russell, Lincoln, fruit, horticulture.....	117 00
572. J. W. Scarborough, carpenter work, dairy exhibit	2 00
573. Jno. G. Weber & Sons, Clayton, Mo., glass for honey exhibit	2 99

Voucher.	Amount.
574. Florence Mumma, modeling dairy exhibit.....	4 00
575. Simmons Hardware Co., St. Louis, hardware. pavilion	2 05
576. J. Cady, labor on entry list, agriculture.....	18 75
577. Will Maupin, Lincoln, 1,000 songs, "Nebraska"	22 00
578. Union National Bank, Omaha, one book checks..	1 50
579. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services, October, horticulture	75 00
580. L. D. Stilson, services, October, dairy.....	75 00
581. Wm. James, services, October, agriculture.....	75 00
582. E. G. Hills, services, October, agriculture.....	75 00
583. W. C. Mercer, services, October, lecturer.....	75 00
584. B. Chessington, services, October, lecturer.....	75 00
585. Mrs. M. Eastman, services, October, hostess....	75 00
586. Mrs. Anderson, janitor service, pavilion.....	39 08
587. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services, secretary, October	125 00
588. Official Photo. Co., St. Louis, moving picture service, September 29 to October 27.....	400 00
589. Pacific Express Co., express on fruit, horticult- ure	47 29
590. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, express on fruit, horticult- ure	59 94
591. Jas. Walsh, Benson, expenses, October, superin- tendent of agriculture	4 15
592. World's Fair Auto Co., service, Nebraska Day..	15 00
593. R. Holbrook, decorating pavilion, Nebraska Day	25 00
594. Visayan Village Orchestra, service, Nebraska Day	25 00
595. Edith L. Webster, service, October, education...	75 00
596. J. H. Taylor, Waterloo, collecting and shipping vegetables	22 60
597. J. Cady, painting medals for agricultural ex- hibit	55 50
598. Scarritt-Comstock Co., St. Louis, table, agricul- ture	10 00
599. Corticelli Silk Co., St. Louis, ribbon, agricultural exhibit	2 00
600. Peter Loech, Omaha, vegetables.....	1 50
601. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies.....	3 25
602. Erker Bros. Opt. Co., St. Louis, seven lantern slides	3 45

Voucher.	Amount.
603. Louisiana Purchase Exposition Co., electric service. October	65 00
604. Peter Jansen. Jansen. expenses commissioner. October	37 35
605. Selig Polyscope Co., Chicago. 1,465 feet positive film	219 75
606. Comfort Printing Co., St. Louis, printed supplies. pavilion	25 75
607. Whitehead & Hoag Co., Newark, N. J., 2,000 badges. Nebraska Day	240 00
608. H. G. Shedd, Omaha. incidental expenses secretary. October	75 40
609. Model Dairy, St. Louis. 105 pounds butter, dairy exhibit	26 25
610. M. P. Nielsen, modeling, dairy exhibit.....	50 00
611. S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, expenses, October, superintendent of dairy exhibit	60 00
612. I. Pollard & Sons, Nehawka, fruit, horticulture..	119 50
613. Marshall Bros., Arlington. fruit, horticulture...	64 65
614. J. B. Hungate, Weeping Water, fruit, horticulture	4 00
615. Val Kieser, Lincoln, services, half October, horticulture	30 00
616. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, express paid on fruit..	20 23
617. Frank P. Brown, Florence, fruit, horticulture...	28 22
618. Charles Ussang, labor, horticulture.....	12 00
619. Omaha Box Co., Omaha, 100 boxes, horticulture	13 00
620. E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, expenses, October, superintendent of horticulture	40 25
621. A. L. Fleshman, St. Louis, labor, horticulture...	7 20
622. Matt Miller, David City, expenses commissioner, October	65 95
623. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 2,000 pounds ice. pavilion	10 00
624. Miss C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic work secretary, October	13 20
625. A. Martin, Du Bois, fruit, horticulture.....	60 75
626. R. Friend Commission Co., St. Louis, fruit, horticulture	38 00
627. G. W. Alexander, Julian, fruit, horticulture....	22 80
628. W. S. Christy, Brownville, fruit, horticulture...	38 13

Voucher.	Amount.
629. I. Pollard, Nehawka, services, half October, horticulture	28 00
630. R. S. Williams, janitor, October, education and mine exhibit	10 00
631. L. D. Stilson, service, November 1 to 3, and incidental expenses, dairy.....	10 05
632. T. J. Moravec, Omaha, addressing Nebraska Day invitations	5 00
633. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, money paid telephone and telegraph; postage Nebraska Day invitations, and freight on vegetables	97 54
634. J. T. Hillquist, Omaha, filling and mailing Nebraska Day invitations	5 00
635. E. Benj. Andrews, expense participation Nebraska Day program.....	44 05
636. G. W. Wattles, Omaha, expenses commissioner, October	52 50
637. Mrs. Rorer Catering Co., St. Louis, eighty-two luncheons, Nebraska Day	170 00
638. Busch & Latta, St. Louis, repainting small rooms, pavilion	8 00
639. Mrs. Wagner Thomas, Omaha, expenses participation Nebraska Day exercises.....	33 60
640. Robt. Cuscaden, Omaha, expenses participation Nebraska Day exercises.....	70 60
641. Mr. and Mrs. J. Hadkinson, services, November, horticulture	75 00
642. Wm. James, services, November, agriculture....	75 00
643. E. G. Hills, services, November, agriculture....	75 00
644. J. Cady, painting sign work, agriculture.....	26 25
645. Edith L. Webster, services, November, education	75 00
646. Mrs. M. L. Eastman, services, November, hostess	75 00
647. W. C. Mercer, services, November, lecturer.....	75 00
648. B. Chessington, services, November, lecturer....	75 00
649. Mrs. M. Anderson, janitor service, November, pavilion	41 50
650. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, services secretary, November	125 00
651. Official Photo. Co., St. Louis, moving picture service, October 27 to December 1 in full.....	500 00
652. Official Photo. Co., St. Louis, photographs of various exhibits with prints.....	24 00

Voucher.	Amount.
653. Official Photo. Co., St. Louis, three views educational exhibit and prints	12 00
654. S. G. Adams Co., St. Louis, office supplies.....	1 15
655. Postal Tel. Co., St. Louis, services, September 1 to December 1	7 99
656. Keyes-Marshall Livery Co., St. Louis, carriages. Nebraska Day	56 00
657. Louisiana Purchase Exposition, electric service. November, less rebates for season.....	32 17
658. Canceled.	
659. J. H. Hadkinson, money expended for labor, horticulture	13 25
660. Mound City Ice & C. S. Co., St. Louis, storage and drayage of fruit	117 20
661. Will J. Davies, services, horticulture exhibit....	25 41
662. Davies & Son, Brownville, fruit, horticulture....	20 00
663. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, expenses, October, superintendent of education	3 90
664. R. S. Williams, janitor, November, education and mine exhibits	10 00
665. Edith L. Webster, supplies bought for educational exhibit	2 37
666. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, money paid for freight and delivery of vegetables, and incidental expense as secretary	67 63
667. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, 2,000 pounds ice. pavilion	10 00
668. Wm. James, St. Louis, oil and hardware bought. agriculture	5 60
669. J. B. Chessington, postage, telegrams, etc.....	3 35
670. Western Union Telegraph Co., St. Louis, service. October and November	4 92
671. John G. Weber & Son, Clayton, Mo., oil and glass. pavilion	6 37
672. Refrigerating Plant, St. Louis, ice for season. horticulture	52 00
673. W. C. Mercer, Lincoln, labor packing exhibits...	15 00
674. B. Chessington, Lincoln, labor packing exhibits..	7 50
675. Roy James, St. Louis, labor packing exhibits....	4 00
676. William James, St. Louis, labor packing exhibits. and extra service seven Sundays.....	42 50

Voucher.	Amount.
677. E. J. Hills, St. Louis, labor packing exhibits, and extra service seven Sundays.....	62 50
678. John G. Weber & Son, St. Louis, materials for packing	5 95
679. J. H. Hadkinson, St. Louis, boxes and storage of crates	19 00
680. William James, St. Louis, money spent for packing material	7 50
681. Official Photographic Co., St. Louis, five views and one print, Nebraska exhibit	15 50
682. J. E. Mendenhall, Fairbury, freight charges and pro rata share fund live stock exhibit.....	143 25
683. S. McKelvie, Fairfield, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit.....	131 75
684. W. A. Kirkpatrick, Lincoln, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit.....	125 30
685. George Allen, Lexington, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit.....	107 60
686. Robert Taylor, Abbott, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit.....	99 00
687. H. C. Young, Lincoln, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit	42 06
688. M. M. Stearns, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit	307 81
689. H. C. Glissman, Omaha, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit.....	237 66
690. G. W. Lindsay, Red Cloud, freight charges and pro rata share fund, live stock exhibit.....	210 52
691. John L. Webster, Omaha, expense participation Nebraska Day exercises	35 00
692. C. L. Weber, St. Louis, stenographic services secretary, November and December	58 20
693. H. G. Shedd, Lincoln, services as secretary, December, 1904	125 00
694. Edith L. Webster, Lincoln, labor packing educational exhibit	35 00
695. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, balance compensation for services superintendent of education.....	150 00
696. H. G. Shedd, Lincoln, money expended, necessary expenses entertainment Nebraska visitors, packing and shipping exhibits.....	72 93

Voucher.	Amount.
697. Thos. R. Kimball, Omaha, cost of services designing Nebraska installation	250 00
698. Charles White, Aurora, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	6 81
699. Mrs. C. O. Lowrey, Dunbar, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	5 50
700. J. N. Trough, Minden, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	14 30
701. E. N. Crittenden, Lincoln, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	6 76
702. H. H. Campbell, Osceola, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	30 43
703. E. B. Day, Fremont, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	16 85
704. E. S. Jennings, Lincoln, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	8 40
705. T. L. Norval, Seward, express and coopage, poultry exhibit and expense superintendent poultry exhibit	45 85
706. O. E. Imm, Milford, poultry coopage and poultry exhibit	11 90
707. James Walsh, Benson, expenses in full, superintendent of agriculture, from April 30, 1903, to December 21, 1904	1,800 00
708. Nebraska School for the Deaf, Omaha, half cost of sending deaf class to exposition, October..	128 41
709. A. E. Pope, St. Louis, half cost maintenance deaf class at exposition, October	147 60
710. I. Pollard & Sons, Nehawka, expenses E. M. Pollard, superintendent of horticulture, November and December, 1904	116 20
711. Maude Rennie Ord, Omaha, stenographic services commission	8 03
712. F. B. Tipton, Seward, express and coopage, poultry exhibit	22 28
713. Matt Miller, expense as commissioner, December	4 45
714. Thos. E. Snodgrass, Johnson, fifteen days' attendance, horticultural exhibit	30 00
715. J. C. Robinson, Waterloo, collecting and shipping vegetables	21 70

Voucher.	Amount.
716. Peter Jansen, Jansen, expense as commissioner, December	11 40
717. State Journal, Lincoln, printing 2,500 copies Com- missioners' Report, printing, cuts, binding, etc.	436 50
718. Maude R. Ord, Omaha, stenographic services for commission	7 30
719. Social Economic Department, World's fair, twenty-four cases, freight and delivery, educa- tional exhibit	120 00
720. Jas. H. Canfield, New York, express paid on re- turn of portrait loaned.....	1 75
721. E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, incidental expenses as superintendent of education	6 85
722. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, incidental expenses and services in distributing exhibit material, pre- paring and mailing commission report, Jan- uary, 1905	100 00
723. H. G. Shedd, Omaha, amount appropriated to cover outstanding claims against commission..	260 00
Total	<hr/> \$45,309 70

Awards of the International Jury to the
Exhibits Entered by the Nebraska
Commission, Louisiana Purchase
Exposition

AWARDS OF THE INTERNATIONAL JURY TO THE EXHIBITS ENTERED BY THE NEBRASKA COMMISSION, LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

SUMMARY.

H. G. Shedd, Secretary, Nebraska State Commission.

Department.	Grand Prize.	Gold.	Silver.	Bronze.	Total.	Grand Total.	
General	2	..	..	..	2	
Agriculture:							
Grains	6	94	86	106	292		
Vegetables .....	..	3	17	1	21	
Honey .....	..	..	6	..	6	
Dairy .....	..	1	..	..	1	
Horticulture	1	10	21	17	49		
Floriculture .....	..	1	1	..	2	
Education	1	9	4	5	19		
Mining .....	..	..	1	2	3	
Individuals .....	..	5	..	..	5	
Totals	10	129	130	131	400	400	
	Premiums—1st.	2d.	3d.	4th.	5th.	6th to 10th.	Total.
Live stock	10	12	21	11	15	..	69
Poultry	1	3	7	4	3	9	27
Specials	8
	11	15	28	15	18	9	104
Grand total							504

GENERAL—3.

Grand Prize—2.

State of Nebraska, Nebraska pavilion and headquarters, Palace of Agriculture.

State of Nebraska, moving picture exhibition of Nebraska resources and industries, Nebraska theatre.

Special Gold Medal—1.

F. B. Griffin, operation of moving picture machine.

AGRICULTURE—323.

James Walsh, Benson, Superintendent.

Wm. James, Dorchester, Assistant Superintendent.

E. G. Hills, Benson, Assistant Superintendent.

Grand Prizes—6.

State of Nebraska, general agricultural installation.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of corn, all varieties.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of sheaf and threshed grains.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of wild and tame grasses and forage crops.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of seeds, all varieties.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of twenty-six products from corn.

GRAINS.

Gold Medals—96.

State of Nebraska, general exhibit of four pyramids of corn.

State of Nebraska, thirty-seven jars of shelled field sugar corn.

Nebraska State University, collective exhibit of one hundred jars of threshed grains and seeds.

Nebraska State University, Reed's yellow corn.

Johnson County, collective exhibit of corn.

Kearney, Business Men's Association, alfalfa.

Bennington, Geo. Dierks, speltz, German oats, millet.

Broken Bow, F. Mank, rye, threshed and sheaf.

Du Bois, A. Martin, corn.

Pawnee City, C. F. Nye, winter wheat, winter rye.

Pleasant Hill, John Povlish, field peas, barley.

Waterloo, J. C. Robinson, garden peas, collective exhibit of seeds, corn.

Waterloo, S. Read, oats.

Wilbur, Geo. Ross, fall rye, flax.

Beaver City, E. A. Richards, corn.

Omaha, H. Rossick, rye.

Pawnee City, L. A. Stebbins, rye.

- De Soto, Smith & Son, corn.
- Franklin, Ethan Allan, orange cane seed, corn.
- Blair, J. H. Ballard, wheat threshed, milo maize, rye in the sheaf, oats.
- Bennington, Colonel Pratt, barley.
- Florence, Frank Brown, corn.
- Auburn, C. Brush, oats, rye, corn.
- Benson, A. Bleick, wheat.
- Osceola, S. Byers, rye, oats.
- Burwin, G. Coen, rye.
- Waterloo, C. Coy, peas, collective exhibit of seeds, barley.
- Beatrice, Dole Floral Company, wheat, red clover.
- Auburn, F. Dysert, wheat.
- Holmersville, W. E. Ewing, wheat.
- Irvington, S. Fee, oats.
- Bennington, C. Grau, barley.
- C. Grau, Japanese buckwheat, corn, millet, oats, castor beans, flower castor beans.
- Franklin, A. B. Gregory, sorghum, red rice popcorn.
- Broken Bow, S. K. Haines, rye, oats, wheat, speltz.
- Abie, J. D. Hasik, macaroni wheat, sheaf and threshed. calico corn.
- Albion, C. Halchin, rye.
- Broken Bow, W. Hinman, rye.
- Dorchester, Wm. James, field corn, threshed buckwheat. threshed barley, winter wheat, millet, timothy. German coffee bean (soy), flax.
- Pleasant Hill, J. W. Lonik, German millet.
- Broken Bow, H. L. Loughran, barley, speltz, wheat.
- David City, J. McCracken, rye, wheat.
- Bennington, J. Miller, barley.
- Bennington, H. Schmidt, wheat.
- Waterloo, J. H. Taylor, white oats, popcorn shelled, corn. cane.
- Broken Bow, Ben Talbert, winter rye, winter wheat.
- Pawnee City, F. Vertiske, oats.
- Broken Bow, C. T. Wright, macaroni wheat.

Benson, James Walsh, design and installation of agricultural exhibits.

Dorchester, William James, design and installation of agricultural exhibits.

Silver Medals—86.

Dorchester, Jas. Quinn, wheat.

Bennington, S. Rowher, wheat.

Bennington, C. Rowher, wheat.

Pleasant Hill, Frank Kenner, oats.

Auburn, H. F. Ragge, wheat.

Auburn, E. Snow, Auburn, fall rye.

Auburn, A. Stadelard, wheat.

Omaha, S. B. Stewart, seeds.

Bennington, N. Schmidt, wheat.

Elk City, W. Shumaker, clover.

Elk City, J. Seltz, wheat.

Elk City, J. W. Shumaker, oats.

Pawnee City, H. O. Sheldon, oats.

Broken Bow, C. S. Triplett, wheat.

Osceola, N. Timm, barley.

Broken Bow, W. J. Windnagle, speltz.

Auburn, D. A. Watson, oats.

Benson, Theodore Williams, corn.

Benson, G. Walhgren, beans.

Crete, J. Wild, speltz.

Elkhorn Station, H. Winterburn, oats.

Nemaha County, H. M. Wright, wheat.

Broken Bow, N. Wright, oats.

Broken Bow, John Zwonocheck & Alksmit, wheat.

Bennington, George Dierks, winter wheat, Sea Island spring wheat, barley.

Ortello, H. Ashbaugh, rye.

Auburn, W. Aue, oats.

David City, C. M. Ball, oats.

Auburn, F. Boulier, wheat.

Benson, Albert Bleick, wheat.

Creighton, J. M. Buckmaster, oats.
Broken Bow, H. M. Cobble, wheat.
Beaver City, E. A. Collins, corn.
Auburn, G. Coulter, wheat.
Auburn, A. Cooper, wheat.
Pawnee, S. A. Carmichael, oats.
Nemaha County, A. Crooker, wheat.
Lincoln, W. Clyde Davis, popcorn.
Wilbur, S. Davis, buckwheat.
Pawnee City, J. Dingwell, wheat.
Elk City, G. Drexel, wheat.
Auburn, H. B. Erismann, rye.
David City, E. Eschlerman, wheat.
Osceola, N. Timm, wheat.
Auburn, E. Fox, wheat.
Pawnee City, F. Fry, oats.
Elk City, H. Grau, rye.
Falls City, W. H. Grush, clover.
Crete, R. Hogue, corn.
Broken Bow, W. K. Haines, speltz.
Albion, C. Hutchin, rye.
Albion, W. Haners, speltz.
Creighton, S. Keen, barley.
Pawnee City, H. J. Kennedy, oats.
Irvington, A. Knight, rye.
Auburn, J. Kinghorn, wheat.
Osceola, E. L. King, oats.
Creighton, R. Jewell, wheat.
Lincoln, Wm. Jennings Bryan, rye.
Ortello, M. Johnson, wheat.
Elk City, H. Johnson, oats.
Pawnee City, J. Layman, rye.
Crete, James Leggett, corn.
Millard D. Link, millet.
Irvington, J. Lucken, barley.
Auburn, W. Lunzman, wheat.

Atkinson, D. McLean, wheat.
David City, F. Miller, wheat.
Broken Bow, E. Miller, wheat.
Broken Bow, C. H. Miller, wheat.
Irvington, P. Nickles, oats.
Albion, C. Marcol, wheat.
Pawnee City, C. Montgomery, oats.
Pleasant Hill, H. Moneypenny, bucket gourd seed.
Elk City, F. Moulton, wheat.
Nelson, W. S. Mumma, grass seed.
Friend, B. F. Humma, timothy.
Auburn, F. Meyers, oats.
Elkhorn, C. C. Paul, beet.
Irvington, F. Plant, oats.
Irvington, W. Pilaret, rye.
Pawnee City, W. M. Pyle, rye.
Bennington, G. Chet, oats.
Dorchester, Wm. James, flax sheaf.

Bronze Medals—106.

Broken Bow, S. K. Harris, flax.
Ortello. H. Ashbaugh, rye.
Blair, Aye Bros., Mammoth golden yellow corn.
Sutton, C. Baass, corn.
Bennington, J. W. Becker, corn.
Fairbury, E. D. Brown, popcorn.
Dorchester, David Buckingham, corn.
Ong, A. E. Bures, red corn, white cap corn.
Waverly, W. B. Cook, corn.
Waterloo, Coy & Sons, corn.
Pawnee City, C. F. Chase, corn.
Irvington, C. A. Carlson, Iowa gold mine corn.
Blair, C. Carter, calico corn.
Nelson, S. B. Cloud, cherry popcorn.
Elk City, P. Crink, corn.
Auburn, W. Keough, wheat.
Broken Bow, Jenkins & Hopkins, wheat.

Nebraska City, Mrs. B. Lewis, corn.
Crete, T. T. Loomis, corn.
Broken Bow, P. S. Lorance, rye.
Fremont, J. M. Maher, corn.
Broken Bow, G. W. McRoy, wheat.
Elk City, J. McArdle, calico corn.
Beaver City, M. E. McCormick, corn.
Burwin, J. W. McRoy, wheat.
Pawnee City, J. M. McKinley, wheat.
Broken Bow, C. H. Miller, wheat.
Beaver City, O. B. Morey, popcorn.
Hooper, John Munnich, corn.
Irvington, C. Noyce, corn.
Creighton, G. B. Nicks, Russian oats.
Millard, Jas. Nelson, oats.
Bennington, E. Oft, red clover.
Auburn, H. Oetyen, wheat.
Washington, Henry Olsen, wheat.
Albion, I. N. Ollen, oats.
Albion, C. Ord, oats.
Brock, Nels. Paulson, White Dent.
Palmyra, C. A. Parker, calico corn.
Bennington, P. Peters, oats.
Talmage, G. H. Peterson, corn.
Auburn, H. F. Peterson, wheat.
Irvington, J. Peterson, corn.
De Soto, H. Sletzt, corn.
Lincoln, Herbert Skinner, calico corn.
Irvington, C. Steinert, wheat.
Dorchester, Mrs. St. John, popcorn.
Brownville, B. F. Skeen, corn.
Lincoln, C. N. Syford, Yellow Dent corn.
Ord, Spelts Grain Co., popcorn.
College View, G. W. Shaver, Nebraska White Prize.
Loup City, E. E. Tracy, Ninety Days' White Dent.
Franklin, B. Travis, sweet corn.

Broken Bow, M. Vistrup, barley.
Palmer, R. M. Wolcott, corn.
De Soto, J. M. Wild, pearl corn.
Bennington, C. Wilt, wheat.
Bennington, I. Wilt, oats.
Osceola, W. Welsh, rye.
Bennington, S. Wilke, winter wheat.
Brock, L. G. Yochum, corn.
Auburn, H. Umland, wheat.
Bennington, Geo. Dierks, German oats.
David City, C. W. Peck, wheat.
Bennington, J. Procheron, German oats.
Arapahoe, W. D. Prutt, macaroni wheat.
Bennington, C. Rohwar, wheat.
Palmyra, Roy Reed, corn.
Broken Bow, L. Rapp, wheat.
Bennington, I. Rohwer, spring wheat.
Florence, A. E. Roth, corn.
Florence, A. C. Roth, corn.
Beaver City, J. M. Royston, yellow flint corn.
Dorchester, J. Scott, corn.
Ortello, R. I. Saunders, winter wheat.
Emerald, C. E. Schmale, corn.
Benson, H. Schlen, corn.
Crete, S. R. Foss, oats.
Tecumseh, R. P. Faris, red white cap corn.
Norfolk, A. Fishback, corn.
Malcolm, A. M. Froomium, corn.
Creighton, G. Goodwin, speltz.
Grafton, A. M. Holmes, corn.
Fairbury, M. C. Hurlbut, Nebraska White Prize corn.
Red Cloud, John Harris, Nebraska White Prize corn.
Irvington, M. Halls, corn.
Tekamah, Jos. Hall, corn.
Irvington, W. Heltman, wheat.
Auburn, W. Hastie, wheat.

Bennett, C. F. Retzlaff, corn.
Pawnee City, J. Klepper, wheat.
Bennington, W. Cramer, oats.
Beatrice, J. Cady, castor bean.
Bennington, B. Cullock, calico corn.
Auburn, S. L. Cunningham, oats.
Arapahoe, W. d'Allemand, macaroni wheat.
Bennington, J. Dierks, Black Russian sunflower.
Wilbur, Edward A. Dusil, corn.
Fairbury, E. Deval, Silver Mine corn.
Auburn, O. P. Dovel, White Elephant corn.
Beatrice, Dole Floral Company, English rye grass.
Arlington, Fred Echtenkamp, Iowa Silver Mine corn.
Elk City, A. H. Eiche, winter wheat.
Fremont, Frank Emerson, White Southern corn.
Graf, W. Ernst, Mammoth White Pearl corn.

VEGETABLES—21.

Gold Medals—3.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of vegetables.
Waterloo, J. C. Robinson, pumpkins, squashes.

Silver Medals—17.

Douglas County Agricultural Society, pumpkins, squashes, and
citrons.
Norfolk, American Sugar Beet Co., sugar beets.
Ames, Standard Beet Sugar Co., sugar beets.
Waterloo, C. Coy, vegetables.
Elk City, Wm. Alexander, squash.
Bennington, Geo. Dierks, squash.
Bennington, Mrs. Ella Grau, squash.
Elk City, Henry Grau, squash.
Waterloo, J. C. Hartington, pumpkin.
Dundee, H. C. Harter, squash.
E. Omaha, Peter Loech, onions and potatoes.
Florence, G. W. Long, citrons.

Waterloo, Roscoe Martin, squash.
Elk City, J. F. McArdle, squash.
Omaha, Theo. Runkers, pumpkins.
Elk City, Wm. Shomacker, pumpkins.
Millard, Sam Willms, vegetables.

Bronze Medals—1.

Omaha, Wm. Boone, squash.

HONEY.

Silver—6.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of honey.
Dorchester, William James, comb and granulated honey.
York, L. D. Stilson, comb and granulated honey.
Friend, Mrs. E. Whitcomb, design made from unrefined bees-wax.

DAIRY—1.

S. C. Bassett, Gibbon, Superintendent.
A. L. Haecker, Lincoln, Assistant Superintendent.
L. D. Stilson, York, Assistant Superintendent.

Gold Medal—1.

State of Nebraska, dairy exhibit.

HORTICULTURE—53.

E. M. Pollard, Nehawka, Superintendent.
Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hadkinson, Omaha, Assistant Superintendents.

Grand Prize—1.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of fruits.

Gold Medals—12.

Cass County, collective exhibit of apples and pears.
Lancaster County, collective exhibit of fruit.
Nemaha County, collective exhibit of fruit.
Julian, G. W. Alexander & Co., exhibit of fruit.
Crete, Crete Nurseries, exhibit of fruit.
Lincoln, C. H. Frey, exhibit of fruit.
Arlington, Marshall Brothers, exhibit of fruit.

Nehawka, I. Pollard & Son, apples.
Lincoln, J. M. Russell & Co., fruit.
Humboldt, J. A. Shrayner, peaches.
Nehawka, E. M. Pollard, design and installation of exhibits.
Omaha, Mrs. J. H. Hadkinson, design and installation of exhibits.

Silver Medals—21.

Lincoln County, collective exhibit of fruit.
Pawnee County, collective exhibit of fruit.
Richardson County, collective exhibit of fruit.
Washington county, collective exhibit of fruit.
Saline County, collective exhibit of apples and pears.
Valley County, collective exhibit of apples and cherries.
Ord, W. A. Anderson, cherries.
Florence, J. P. Brown, apples.
Brownville, John Furnas, apples.
Peru, R. W. Hesseltine, fruit.
Weeping Water, J. N. Hungate, peaches.
Southerland, D. Hunter, apples.
Johnson, G. S. Christie, fruit.
Johnson, Geo. Dominy, fruit.
Du Bois, Arnold Martin, fruit.
Blair, W. M. McCormick, fruit.
Fort Calhoun, Pleasant View Fruit Farm, fruit.
Fort Calhoun, Henry Rix, raspberries and currants.
Du Bois, W. H. Shaylor, fruit.
Shubert, J. F. Shubert, apples.

Bronze Medals—17.

Douglas County, collective exhibit of apples.
Julian, G. W. Alexander, raspberries.
Du Bois, J. M. Allen, apples.
Auburn, A. E. Braton, pears.
Brock, H. A. Brown & Son, pears.
Florence, Glen Buell, apples.
Cheney, C. B. Camp, grapes.
Florence, A. C. Horte, apples.

Humboldt, Maloney Fruit Farm, strawberries.

Blair, A. W. Clark, apricots.

Brownville, John Davies, pears.

Aurora, J. R. Davidson, plums.

Johnson, B. F. Frendenburg, apples.

Du Bois, Mrs. T. Poland, apples.

Blair, F. M. Smith, blackberries.

Nehawka, H. P. Sturn, pears.

Pawnee City, N. S. Take, apples and pears.

Nehawka, B. Wolph, peaches.

FLORICULTURE—2.

Gold Medal—1.

Lincoln, E. H. Barbour, collective exhibit of cannas.

Silver Medal—1.

West Point, J. F. Rosenfield, cut peonies.

EDUCATION.—19.

E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, Superintendent.

Edith L. Webster, Lincoln, Assistant Superintendent.

Grand Prize—1.

State of Nebraska, exhibit of School for the Deaf, Omaha.

Gold Medals—9.

State of Nebraska, general educational installation.

State of Nebraska, exhibit State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Omaha, Creighton Medical College, medical exhibit.

Omaha, State School for the Deaf, class exhibits.

Omaha, Board of Education collective exhibit.

Omaha, Board of Education, high school manual training exhibit.

Lincoln, State University, collective exhibit.

Lincoln, Edith L. Webster, special designs and installation.

State Library, exhibit of traveling libraries.

Silver Medals—4.

Lincoln, Board of Education, grade work.
Omaha, Board of Education, grade work exhibit.
Beatrice, Board of Education, grade work exhibit.
College View, Union College, collective exhibit.

Bronze Medals—5.

Omaha, Mrs. John Briggs.
Peru, State Normal School, collective exhibit.
Plattsmouth, Board of Education, collective exhibit.
Lincoln, E. H. Barbour, windmill and irrigation exhibit.
Nebraska City, State School for the Blind. class exhibits.

MINING AND METALLURGY—3.

E. H. Barbour, Lincoln, Superintendent.

Silver Medal—1.

State of Nebraska, collective exhibit of soils, minerals, building materials.

Bronze Medals—2.

State of Nebraska, soils and minerals.
Lincoln, State University, photographs illustrating mineral resources.

LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY—104.

Direction of officers of Nebraska Live Stock and Poultry Ass'n.

LIVE STOCK—69.

Standard Bred Trotters—L. C. Kinney, Bushnell, 2 third, 2 fourth and 2 fifth premiums.
Galloway Cattle—G. W. Lindsey, Red Cloud, 1 first and 2 second premiums.
Poland-China Swine—P. & C. Dawson, Endicott, 2 fifth premiums; S. M. McKelvie, Fairfield, 3 third premiums.
Duroc-Jerseys—H. B. Loudon & Son, Clay Center, 1 third premium; W. A. Kirkpatrick, Lincoln, 1 third and 1 fifth premiums; J. E. Mendenhall & Son, Fairbury, 2 first, 3 third and 1 fourth premiums; Chas. Van Patten, Sutton, 1 second

premium; Gilbert Van Patten, Sutton, 1 fourth and 1 fifth premiums.

Essex Swine—H. W. Canzler, Pleasant Dale, 2 first, 3 second, 7 third, 3 fourth and 6 fifth premiums.

Shropshire and Southdown Sheep—Geo. Allen, Lexington, 5 first, 4 second, 9 third and 2 fourth premiums; Robt. Taylor. Abbott, 2 second, 1 third, 1 fourth and 3 fifth premiums.

POULTRY—35.

Single Comb Buff Orpingtons—H. H. Campbell, Osceola, cock, 1 third and 1 seventh prize; hen, 1 seventh; cockerel, 1 third; pullet, 1 third and 1 fifth prizes; pen, 1 second prize; E. S. Jennings, Lincoln, cockerel, 1 seventh prize.

Buff Wyandottes—E. B. Day, Fremont; cock, 1 sixth; hen, 1 second.

Partridge Wyandottes—E. M. Crittenden, Lincoln, cockerel, 1 second and 1 eighth; pullet, 1 eighth prize.

White Wyandottes—F. B. Tipton, Seward; cockerel, 1 third prize; pullet, 1 fourth prize, and two special \$10 prizes.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—T. L. Norval, Seward, cockerel, 1 sixth prize; hen, 1 fifth prize; pullet, 1 third and 1 tenth prize; hen, 1 fifth and 1 ninth prize; and six special prizes.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—J. H. Trough, Minden, cockerel, 1 third and 1 fourth prize; pullet, 1 fourth prize; hen, 1 third and 1 fourth prize.

NOTE—The above winners of premiums at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition were also winners of first or second premiums at the Nebraska state fair, and as such were transported without cost to the individual exhibitors, from Lincoln to the exposition and return, by the Nebraska State Commission.

House Roll No. 231

Twenty-eighth Session of the Nebraska Legislature

HOUSE ROLL NO. 231.

A BILL

For an act to provide for the participation by the state of Nebraska in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in the city of St. Louis, state of Missouri, in the year of 1904; for the appointment of a state board of commissioners by the governor and to authorize the governor to fill any vacancy occurring among said state commissioners; to provide for a notification by the governor; to provide for the reimbursement of each member of said board for hotel, traveling and incidental expenses; to provide for a state exhibit at said exposition; to define the duties of the board of commissioners in relation thereto, for the payment of salaries to employees, and for the appropriation of \$35,000; to provide that said state board of commissioners shall have control of the expenditure of said appropriation; to provide for the organization of the state board of commissioners; to provide for what purposes the said appropriation shall be expended; to provide for the presentation, auditing, approval and payment of claims arising from the expenditure of said board; to fix the place where said board of commissioners shall conduct their business; to provide for a record of their acts, doings and expenditures; to provide for the sale of the property after the close of the exposition; to protect the state contingent liability.

WHEREAS, The Louisiana Purchase Exposition will be held in the city of St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, in the year 1904; it will exhibit the agriculture, arts, industries and education of the various states, and of the government of the United States; of the nations in North and South America; of the states, nations, islands and countries in Europe and in the eastern hemisphere, thus creating and consummating an exhibition, national, international, continental and universal, upon a scale greater than hitherto undertaken, and with a resource never before equalled; and

WHEREAS, This universal exposition was conceived primarily

to celebrate the purchase of Louisiana from Napoleon the First, made one hundred years ago, when Nebraska was undeveloped, unsettled and unknown;

WHEREAS, Nebraska is one of the twelve states organized out of this grant of the French emperor and contains, some of the richest and choicest commonwealth in the entire domain; and

WHEREAS, The congress of the United States has contributed \$5,000,000 to the corporation of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and in addition appropriated \$1,308,000 to meet the cost of making a national exhibit and erecting buildings in which to install and house the same; the legislature of Kansas has appropriated \$75,000; of Iowa \$125,000; of Illinois \$250,000; a bill appropriating \$50,000 has been recommended for passage in the legislature of South Dakota; these appropriations reflect the views of adjoining and neighboring states as to the sums necessary to make a state exhibit at this exposition; and

WHEREAS, A State World's Fair Commission, of which Hon. Gurdon W. Wattles was chairman, filed, January 16, 1903, a report with the governor in which is this recommendation: "It is the opinion of this commission that this state should be properly represented at this great exposition. Nebraska is, we believe, the richest part of the territory of the Louisiana Purchase and within its borders offers homes and investments to those now located in less favored communities. To lose the opportunities of advertising the rich resources of this state by a proper exhibit at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition would be unwise and unprofitable." "We believe that an adequate representation of the resources of this state can be made at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition with an appropriation of \$50,000 for preparing, installing and maintaining this exhibit, and that a state building which will meet all the requirements and necessities of the inhabitants of Nebraska can be erected and maintained at an additional expense of \$25,000;" and

WHEREAS, The location of said exposition in the city of St.

Louis, in the state of Missouri, affords the people of Nebraska ample opportunity to exhibit to the world their products and their resources in the production of grain, grass, fruit, live stock, dairying, alfalfa and other forage plants; beet-sugar and the possibilities of western irrigation; their manufacturing enterprises and transportation facilities; the growth of their towns, cities, commercial and financial institutions; their churches, schools, colleges, public charities and corrections; the proximity of St. Louis will permit great numbers of Nebraska people to visit the exposition whence, through a bureau of information and headquarters for residents of the state, much good may result to this commonwealth; therefore,

Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Nebraska:

SECTION 1. That the state of Nebraska take part in the Louisiana Purchase Exposition to be held in St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, in 1904, as hereinafter provided.

SECTION 2. That the governor of the state of Nebraska be, and is hereby authorized and directed to appoint a non-partisan state board of commissioners of three members, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act. That the governor is empowered to fill any vacancy which may occur in the said board of commissioners.

SECTION 3. That each member of said board of commissioners appointed by the governor as provided in section 2 hereof shall receive no salary or other compensation for service rendered as such commissioner; but each member thereof shall be reimbursed for hotel, traveling and incidental expenses incurred while discharging the duties created in this act.

SECTION 4. That for the purpose of enabling the state of Nebraska to make a proper state exhibit in said Louisiana Purchase Exposition; to properly plan, advertise, carry on, develop, and install and complete the said state exhibit in said exposition, and to provide for the comfort of Nebraska people attending the same and for the purpose of paying the expense stipulated in section 3 hereof, of each of the members of said board appointed by the governor; and to pay for the salaries

of all superintendents, managers, and employees, which in the opinion of said board may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this act, or sum of \$35,000 be, and the same is hereby appropriated from the state treasury out of any fund not otherwise appropriated.

SECTION 5. That said board of state commissioners appointed by the governor as herein provided shall act in conjunction with the board of directors of the corporations, known as the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, but the money hereby appropriated as provided herein, shall be under the control and management of said state board appointed by the governor.

SECTION 6. It shall be the duty of said board of commissioners as appointed by the governor, on being notified by the governor of their appointment, to meet at the governor's office in the city of Lincoln and receive from the governor the certificates of appointment, and organize by the election of a president, vice-president, and secretary and in case the secretary is a member of the board of provisions of section 3 of this act shall not estop him from receiving a salary as such secretary.

SECTION 7. The said sum of money or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be and become available for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the making of said state exhibit, providing for the comfort of Nebraska people attending the exposition and all other things necessary to properly plan, advertise, carry on, develop, install a complete state exhibit from and after the taking effect of this act, as herein provided, that is to say, that when said state board, or a majority thereof, shall duly certify to the governor of the state, and attach to such certificates an itemized statement on a uniform voucher attested by the president and secretary of said board, and approved by the governor in writing, the auditor of public accounts is hereby authorized and directed to draw his warrant on the state treasurer to the order of the person entitled thereto, as shown by the itemized statement on the uniform voucher.

SECTION 8. The place of business of said board of commissioners after its organization, shall be selected by the board, in the state of Nebraska, in suitable rooms provided by the state board, and it shall be the duty of said board to keep a complete and detailed record open to public inspection at all times of each and every act respecting the expenditure of said money, and an itemized statement of all expenses and indebtedness incurred, for what and with whom and the amount thereof. It shall also be the duty of said board, by its president and secretary, to make a report to the governor every sixty days in writing, of the acts and doings of said board, as herein provided.

SECTION 9. That within sixty days after the close of the said exposition, it shall be the duty of the commissioner of public lands and buildings, and he is hereby authorized to advertise, and sell at a public auction, for cash in hand, of a singular, the property acquired by said board of state commissioners, to account for the same to the governor and when approved by him to pay the sum of money so received from said sale to the state treasurer to the credit of the state general fund.

SECTION 10. No provision of this act shall be deemed a warrant for creating a liability against the state in excess of the sum herein appropriated.

J. H. MOCKETT, JR.,
Speaker of House of Representatives.

Attest:

JOHN WALL,
Chief Clerk of House of Representatives.

EDMUND G. MCGILTON,
President of Senate.

Attest:

A. R. KEIM,
Secretary of Senate.

Approved April 8, 1903.

JOHN H. MICKEY,
Governor.

Congratulatory Letters

CONGRATULATORY LETTERS.

I desire to congratulate the Nebraska State Commission for the success that has attended their effort to present Nebraska in acceptable form at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The appropriation obtained for this purpose was so meagre when compared with the large appropriations made by other states that I was fearful that the state would suffer by the contrast. Except for social purposes and for the accommodation of a few favored ones the erection and maintenance of state buildings at these great expositions is not desirable.

With the limited means at the disposal of the commission, Nebraska made a unique exhibition. Her great products were well exhibited in the agricultural building and the little theatre with its exhibition of moving pictures, expressive of life in Nebraska, was a very captivating affair, satisfactorily evidenced by the fact that every seat was filled and there was standing room only at each one of the numerous performances during each day.

It is also a most satisfactory result that so many awards were given to Nebraska and the fact that the commission has kept itself strictly within the proper lines and has wasted no money and will have no deficiency to be accounted for is also a subject matter for congratulation.

Truly yours,

(Signed)

CHARLES F. MANDERSON,

Gen. Solicitor, B. & M. R. R.,

Omaha, Neb.

I want to say that I was very much interested in the exhibit which you are making in the moving pictures and take pleasure in commending your description of the resources of the state.

I went through the agricultural building one afternoon and it is safe to say that ten times as much interest was manifested in the Nebraska exhibit as in any other exhibit in the building. You have hit upon a unique and successful scheme, and Nebraska will largely benefit by the exhibit there.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

W. J. BRYAN,

Editor and Proprietor The Commoner,

Lincoln, Neb.

In my opinion the state of Nebraska owes the commission a debt of gratitude for the magnificent display you succeeded in making at the exposition with the meagre appropriation at your disposal. I speak with reference to the agricultural exhibit only since I did not see the other exhibits. The arrangement of the agricultural display was artistic and tasteful. The hearty and cordial welcome that visitors received is of itself worthy of especial mention and the moving picture theatre was the keystone of the arch. Whoever originated that idea is entitled to special mention. It was the best drawing card in the agricultural building and did more to show the people of other states the actual conditions and surroundings of farming in Nebraska than anything else that could have been devised. While Nebraska had no state building, in my judgment the small amount of money as handled by the Commission was a better advertisement to the state than if four times as much had been spent in a state building.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

CHAS. B. LETTON,

Commissioner, Nebraska Supreme Court,

Fairbury, Neb.

After a recent trip to the exposition, I desire to commend the work of the Nebraska Commission.

It seems to me that the Nebraska exhibits were certainly in all respects creditable to the state, and that the commission is to be congratulated upon the general interest shown in and about the space allotted for the different Nebraska exhibits.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

G. W. HOLDREGE,

General Manager C., B. & Q. R. R.,

Omaha, Neb.

The memory of my visit to the exposition at a recent date has been made so pleasant by association with the Nebraska exhibit that I feel it is due you and your co-workers that my appreciation should be acknowledged. I do not think it is prejudice which leads me to pronounce it one of the most interesting exhibits on the exposition grounds. It cannot fail to be of lasting benefit in setting forth very interestingly the resources and developments of our beloved state. As one of the citizens interested in this exhibit, as indeed every citizen is, I desire to thank the Commission and express my personal gratitude.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

W. C. AYLSWORTH,

Chancellor, Cotner University,

Bethany, Neb.

The hour that I spent at the Nebraska exhibit at the World's fair was most instructive, and your free exhibition of pictures of Nebraska social and industrial life has been greatly appreciated.

Nebraska has gained more than in any other way by having people visit the state. Next to a visit to the state is the photo-

graphic exhibition that you make hourly to visitors from all parts of the United States.

There is likewise an air of hospitality about the exhibit which is making an excellent impression. It is difficult to know what causes are the most effective in building up, but the general verdict, I believe, is that your exhibit, in its way, has done a great deal of good. My attention was originally attracted to this exhibit by the generous comments of the St. Louis daily papers.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

L. W. WAKELEY,

Gen. Pass. Agt., B. & M. R. R.,

Omaha, Neb.

While the Nebraska exhibits were not as elaborate or pretentious as those of many other states they were, in my opinion, most effective, and have stimulated much interest on the part of visitors to the fair in the resources of our state. The moving picture feature of the Nebraska exhibit was notably interesting, and on each of the several occasions when I visited the Nebraska headquarters the pictures were being viewed by a large and evidently deeply interested audience.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

GERRIT FORT,

Asst. Gen. Pass. Agt., Union Pacific R. R. Co.,

Omaha, Neb.

I can only repeat the universal expression of everyone who visited the exposition and made examination of the details of exhibits from the standpoint of broad criticism, to the effect that the Nebraska exhibit was a most creditable one from any standpoint of comparison with any other state, and that the value of the advertising of its resources which the state received in proportion to the cost of the exhibit, exceeded that of any exhibit on the grounds. If I am rightly informed, the

cost of the exhibit of the state of Nebraska was a minimum as compared with all other states, while the exhibit itself was equal to the best.

Yours truly,

(Signed) GEO. F. BIDWELL,
Mgr. Chicago & North Western R. R..
Omaha, Neb.

When I was in St. Louis, I was very much pleased with the exhibit of Nebraska products at the World's fair.

It is certainly a very creditable exhibit of the resources of the state, and was installed in a manner that attracted much attention.

I desire to particularly commend the exhibition of moving pictures, and I believe that there was more comment made by visitors on the Nebraska exhibit, than the exhibit of any other state made in the agricultural building. This favorable comment was largely due to the moving pictures.

The exhibit as a whole is very satisfactory and the Commission is entitled to great credit for their work.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) C. H. MORRILL,
President Lincoln Land Co..
Lincoln, Neb.

The Nebraska exhibit at St. Louis is a masterly credit to the state. Its excellence is far out of proportion to its cost. The matter is admirably chosen and the installation betrays at every point combined science, taste and skill. In installation our exhibit is second to that of no state and superior to all or nearly all. The exhibit will call attention to Nebraska and Nebraskans beyond anything of the kind heretofore presented.

(Signed) E. BENJ. ANDREWS,
Chancellor, The University of Nebraska.

It has been my privilege to visit the exhibits of Nebraska at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. The educational exhibit was comprehensive, interesting and instructive. When I learned the small amount of money expended upon it, it seemed to me the best exhibit, on the relative basis of expenditure, at the Exposition.

The agricultural exhibit was striking and true to the principle of the exposition, to show processes and life. My friends from my present state were telling how attractive the Nebraska exhibit was as contrasted with that of our and other states. It seems to me that great credit is to be given to the commissioners and persons in charge of the Nebraska exhibits for bringing out so fully the merits of the state.

I cannot conclude without saying that the personnel of the attendants and their skill and hospitality, are no small factor in the success of the enterprises.

(Signed) GEO. E. MACLEAN,
President, The State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa.

The exhibits that I had the pleasure of examining were most excellent and displayed great credit on the commission and all who had to do with them in the general make up of the display, and the untiring attention of all the employes connected with the exhibits. The state must receive great good from the advertisement, the result of this display, I think far greater than from any display made at any former exposition.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) J. B. DINSMORE,
Sutton Nat'l Bank, Sutton, Neb.

I cannot refrain from expressing to you something of the great pleasure I experienced from my visit to your exhibit illustrating the agricultural development of Nebraska. The

beautiful and artistic arrangement of the products of the state in your booth, especially of the corn and native grasses sets forth in the most striking manner the great agricultural resources of Nebraska and at the same time bears eloquent testimony to your ingenuity and skill. The excellence of the grain exhibit would certainly seem to bear out the claim of your state to be the "grain seed producer" for the United States.

I heartily congratulate you upon your success.

Very sincerely,

(Signed)

ESTELLE RICE,

Supt. of Indian Schools,

Department of the Interior, Washington.

While visiting the "big fair" we were pleased with the novel and instructive advertising our state was receiving by means of the moving picture exhibit. We can imagine no other way in which, with an expenditure of so little money, Nebraska and its resources could be so well and entertainingly shown, and were gratified to hear many persons from other states and countries express themselves as delighted with Nebraska's showing at the fair.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

J. H. AGER,

W. S. MORLAN,

J. W. DEWEESE,

B. & M. R. R., Lincoln, Neb.

It was my pleasure to visit the Nebraska exhibit in the agricultural building yesterday, and I can not let the occasion pass without saying a complimentary word or two concerning the method which you have taken to set forth the wonderful resources of Nebraska. The idea of using moving pictures for this purpose is unique and most attractive. If your audiences

continue to be as large as that which completely filled the little auditorium while I was present, before the season is over Nebraska's strong points will have been shown in a most impressive way to a great many thousand people. For yourself and for the Nebraska Commission, accept my congratulations, and permit me to wish you all success in your work throughout this fair season.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed)

D. M. ELLIS,

Director of Educational Exhibit, State of New York.

I desire to congratulate the Nebraska Commission and its secretary on the showing you have made for our state at the World's fair on a very limited allowance. The Nebraska exhibits certainly did the state great credit.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed)

J. W. CRABTREE,

President Nebraska State Normal School,

Peru, Neb.

I want to say that I was specially interested in our exhibit at the fair, and after visiting the exhibits of the various states. I was very much impressed with the superior exhibit from Nebraska. It was the universal opinion, I think, of the average visitor to the fair that Nebraska excelled all other states in her exhibit and method of presenting the advantages of this state to the people. The idea of throwing upon the screen or canvas the moving pictures illustrating the development and growth of the Nebraska farms and their products, and the illustration of the industry of cattle and horse raising in this state was unique as well as a most attractive and impressive method of presenting Nebraska's advantages. In my judgment, Nebraska never had so attractive and satisfactory an exhibit in any of the preceding fairs as the one presented at

the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It was to me a great personal pride to visit our exhibit and to direct strangers to it, as one of the attractive and impressive features of the fair. I overheard many strangers, as they thronged the agricultural building, in discussing the exhibits of the various states, express their satisfaction in visiting our exhibit and in declaring it to be the best exhibit in the building. Much of the attractiveness of this exhibit and its usefulness is due to the genial and courteous gentlemen who had charge of it on the grounds, and their painstaking and complete analysis and explanation of the moving pictures as they were thrown upon the screen.

Yours truly,

(Signed) A. R. TALBOT,

Head Consul, Modern Woodmen of America,
Lincoln, Neb.

In my opinion, the money appropriated by the legislature for an exhibit of the resources of Nebraska at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition has been most judiciously and profitably spent. From a comparatively small appropriation the state seems to have secured a greater amount of profitable advertising than any state in the Union. The moving picture device for illustrating the industrial life of the state was a very happy idea. Both from observation and report, I am led to believe that the Nebraska exhibit drew greater crowds and aroused more interest than any other exhibit in the great agricultural hall. In my opinion, the commissioners are entitled to unstinted commendation for the very satisfactory and successful showing they have made in behalf of the state.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

CHARLES WESTON,
Auditor of Public Accounts,
Lincoln, Neb.

I consider the Nebraska exhibit the most attractive and the best medium of advertising the state of any in the agricultural building. As one Nebraskan who has seen your exhibit I wish to say that I am more than delighted with it.

Very truly yours,

(Signed)

IRVING G. BARIGHT,
Supreme Prest., Royal Achates,
Omaha, Neb.

We beg to acknowledge receipt of the hand book of Nebraska, which we have just received. The information therein is certainly very valuable and certainly speaks well for the state. We have always been ready to preach Nebraska broadcast and never felt any firmer in Nebraska's future than we do today.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

BEATRICE CREAMERY Co.,
A. E. WILKENS, Mgr.,
Lincoln, Neb.

The use of the biograph in exemplifying typical farm scenes in Nebraska is as unique as it is effective.

Strolling past the Nebraska agricultural exhibit and causally noting general effects only, I was attracted by the announcement of "moving pictures" as applied to a state's industrial exhibit. I found the lecture hall crowded, the lecture and pictures exceedingly interesting, and the audience thoroughly appreciative.

Where there is so much to see only the unusual and spectacular attract. The Nebraska commissioners understood the disposition of an exposition crowd. Having a valuable ex-

hibit, the commissioners know how to arrest attention and to impart lasting impressions.

Congratulating the commissioners upon their fine display and up-to-date methods in reaching the public eye, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) F. B. GOULD,

Prest., Whitcomb College. Tacoma, Washington.

While visiting the St. Louis Exposition during the summer I was particularly pleased with the excellent school exhibit presented by your state. I am desirous of securing a copy of the circulars used in presenting the matter of the school exhibit to your county superintendents and teachers. We have upon us here the problem of organizing an educational exhibit for the Lewis and Clark Exposition, and we fully realize the helpfulness which our older states may be to us in this matter.

(Signed)

R. F. ROBINSON,

County Superintendent. Portland, Ore.

I am especially very much obliged for the little handbook which contains a great deal of very valuable and interesting information. This is another hit. You Nebraska fellows have actually done more, it seems to me, with the small amount of money at your disposal than the states where the funds were abundant. After all it is brains which count rather than money. I noticed this many years ago in New Orleans, where the amount of money at Governor Furnas's disposal was very small indeed, but he managed to use it in such a way that the people all over the grounds were talking about the Nebraskans. That, of course, is the purpose of an exhibit. The actual exhibits do not count for as much as the way in which they are put before the people. Apparently the St. Louis Exposition is doing for Nebraska just what the New Orleans exhibit of

nearly twenty years ago did. I found that in New Orleans, when I wore the Nebraska badge, wherever I went the people looked and smiled and said, "You are one of those Nebraska fellows, I see." Everybody knew that the Nebraska men were vigorous and pushing and interesting. I congratulate the Commission.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) CHARLES E. BESSEY,

Dean Industrial College, University of Nebraska,

Lincoln, Neb.

As one of the exhibitors at the World's fair I want to write and tell you that I believe the Nebraska exhibits at the World's fair were the most effective of any state's exhibits. The exhibiting at any fair is simply a form of advertising, and I believe that Nebraska's novel way of impressing on the minds of those who saw the exhibit, was not excelled by any other exhibitor, and I hope that the people of Nebraska appreciate what was done for their state in its success, as shown by the number of awards received. I am,

Yours very sincerely,

J. W. BENHAM,

President Benham Indian Curio Company, New York City.

I take pleasure in assuring you of my appreciation and hearty approval of the Nebraska exhibits at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. I consider them severally and jointly excellent and a great credit to our state. The exhibits of our agricultural products compare most favorably with those of other states. while the special features of our section, such as the moving picture exhibition and the "mounted skin of the Chancellor"—as one newspaper reported it—attract universal attention. After spending two weeks inspecting the fair quite thoroughly, I left well satisfied that the Nebraska Commission

had acted most wisely in devoting the funds at their command to a splendid exhibition of the products of our state, rather than to the erection and maintenance of a showy state building for people to rest in—and nothing more, as some other states have done.

It was plain that Messrs. Shedd and Walsh and their corps of assistants were “standing up for Nebraska” most efficiently.

Yours cordially,

(Signed) REGENT W. G. WHITMORE,

Agent for Nebraska, U. S. Department of Agriculture,
Valley, Neb.

It seems to me that great care has been taken to reach the people with this exhibit, and much discrimination shown, as to what to leave out, and what to put in to the exhibit. The moving pictures, and the little theatre devoted to them are very popular and a delightful treat; while the easy chairs and the ice water and all the other features for the comfort of the public, help to advertise our state.

Respectfully,

(Signed) GEORGE G. WALLACE.

Prest., Omaha Real Estate Exchange,
Omaha, Neb.

The displays of corn, and other farm products, together with the moving pictures, formed a most attractive feature of the great agricultural building, and it seemed to me that they drew more attention from people from all parts of the country than most any other single exhibit.

In my opinion the Nebraska Commission acted wisely in the use of the funds placed at its disposal in connection with the work at the fair, and the expenditure has undoubtedly accomplished more for the good of the state than could have resulted from any other plan that might have been adopted.

Yours truly,

(Signed)

G. W. LOOMIS,
B. & M. R. R., Omaha, Neb.

I am persuaded that the showing made by the Nebraska State Commission is not only a creditable one, but one that must be highly gratifying to all Nebraska people who visited the state exhibit.

I observed with pleasure and state pride the crowds of visitors from all parts of the world who lingered about the Nebraska exhibit in the agricultural building, and heard the many expressions of surprise and wonder at the demonstration of the productive capacity of our state. Other states spent more money than did Nebraska in their efforts to "show off" their resources, but I doubt if any made a more lasting favorable impression than our own.

I desire to congratulate the Nebraska Commission on the splendid work accomplished.

Very truly yours,
(Signed)

M. B. REESE,
Ex-Judge, Supreme Court,
Lincoln, Neb.

Concerning the Nebraska exhibits at the World's fair would say, I was very much pleased with them. I thought the exhibit of the agricultural products was one of the best at the fair and that everything about it was properly cared for and attended to and that the exhibit was well calculated to make a favorable impression as to the resources and prosperity of this state.

Very truly yours,
(Signed)

R. E. MOORE,
Pres., Security Investment Co.,
Lincoln, Neb.

The Nebraska Commission to the exposition has done wonders in advertising our state, and the thousands who have seen and studied her exhibition, can only have words of praise for the wise selection of, and the skillful manner in which her

products were placed and displayed, and the energy, gentlemanly kindness and desire of those in charge to always do everything to please the visitors present.

Very respectfully yours,

(Signed) J. K. HONEYWELL,
Pres., Nebraska Dairymen's Association,
Lincoln, Neb.

I was a little ashamed of the fact that Nebraska had no building but this feeling gave way to one of surprise and pleasure when I found the Nebraska headquarters in the agricultural building. The commission is deserving of the greatest credit for the showing made with the limited funds they were allowed. The moving picture theatre was a brilliant idea and I believe did more to advertise Nebraska, her farms, industries and people than any number of state buildings could have done. The Nebraska booth was the most popular in the building, at least on the several occasions when I visited it and from all sides one heard only praise for the Nebraska exhibition.

Yours truly,

(Signed) WM. HAYWARD,
Attorney and Counselor at Law,
Nebraska City, Neb.

After spending about two weeks at the great fair I can but repeat what many others have said in my hearing, that the daily exhibition of the agricultural resources of the state in the Nebraska booth was a great hit. It advertised the present prosperity and future possibilities of this state far better and to many more people than could have been done in the usual way of exhibiting. A more wise and economic expenditure of money could not have been made.

The arrangements and quality of the educational exhibits

reflected credit upon the state and upon those who had it in charge.

Take it all in all and considering the limited amount of money at your disposal, the commissioners deserve great praise.

(Signed)

REV. F. S. STEIN,
Lincoln, Neb.

I am convinced the commission made a wise selection when they adopted the plan they did to advertise Nebraska and Nebraska's resources. I think it a great success and money well spent.

(Signed)

EX-MAYOR J. C. RALISBACK,
Ashland, Neb.

While some other exhibits were larger, the Nebraska exhibit was to me like the main feature of a well written ad. After you have gone through all the offerings your mind goes back to that one particular thing and fastens itself upon it. And if you attend that sale you go because of that one particular thing.

My opinion is that the majority of the people who visited the agricultural building will think Nebraska first.

(Signed)

C. H. GREGG.
C. H. Gregg & Co.,
Kearney, Neb.

My first thought was that we would seem very cheap, indeed, without a building on the fair grounds but I have really changed my mind in reference to this, as I believe our exhibit has been more talked about than any state exhibit I saw while I was at the fair. In the first place it is very artistically arranged and the moving picture machine seemed to be a great treat.

I have been over the state quite a little since I went to St.

Louis and I have heard nothing but the highest praise for our Nebraska Commission.

(Signed) JNO. T. DORGAN,
Gen. Mgr., Whitebreast Coal & Lumber Co.,
Lincoln, Neb.

When I looked over the exposition grounds and saw the extravagant and reckless waste of the people's money in many of the state buildings I concluded the legislature was wise in making the appropriation small for the exposition. Capable business men will do more for the success of such an exposition than large appropriations.

Governor Mickey was very fortunate in his selection of the Nebraska State Commission. Every product and resource of the state has been very fully and attractively placed before the visitor.

In looking through the different departments of the state exhibit, the visitor is met by the officers in charge, with such a homelike and brotherly greeting, that they are tempted to stop a while and talk and examine the very full and artistic display in every department.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) ISAAC POLLARD,
Prop., The Nehawka Fruit Farm,
Nehawka, Neb.

I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation of your display of Nebraska products and Nebraska industries. It is the best thing in its line on the grounds and certainly you have succeeded in advertising the state to very good advantage.

(Signed) H. A. WIGGENHORN,
Prest., Farmers & Merchants Bank,
Ashland, Neb.

The commission should be congratulated on their success, also for their judgment in placing the exhibit where it is, and not trying to build a state building, with the amount of funds appropriated.

(Signed)

C. F. LADD,
Lincoln, Neb.

I hesitated to go and see the Nebraska exhibit because I had been disgusted with the showing made by our state at previous expositions, and for the further reason that the small appropriation at the disposal of our Commissioners this time offered no hope that we would be able to do any better at St. Louis. But I met some friends at St. Louis who had been much impressed with the Nebraska exhibit. They told me it was the best on the grounds. So I went out there. I not only took in the Nebraska showing but I compared it carefully with that of other states, and I tell you, sir, I was delighted.

With the single exception of Missouri it is my judgment that Nebraska has the best agricultural exhibit at St. Louis of any state in the Union. And I found everybody else thinking so too. People spent much time and made a careful inspection of the Nebraska showing. Everything was exactly as calculated to produce an impression. The moving pictures are wonderfully popular and effective. They mean more than the spoken or written word. They show the eye what Nebraska can do and is doing.

And so I say that Nebraskans have every reason to feel proud and be abundantly satisfied with the work of their Commissioners at St. Louis.

W. A. PAXTON,
In World-Herald, July 15, 1904.

Excerpts from "Register of Visitors"

EXCERPTS FROM "REGISTER OF VISITORS."

"This exhibit ought to inculcate the same state pride in Nebraskans that is characteristic of the Kentuckians."—J. H. Kearns, Auburn.

"You certainly have a great advertisement for Nebraska in the moving pictures."—J. A. Hunt, Hebron, Ill.

"Better than any other exhibit in the Agricultural Palace."—C. Crayden, St. Louis, Mo.

"A most creditable exhibit and the most courteous set of people in charge on the grounds."—F. M. Henry, Jackson, Miss.

"For the money spent, Nebraska has the finest exhibit ever seen."—W. Howard, Howard Co., Md.

"I consider that Nebraska has the best display of any state."—T. H. Dryden, Pocamoke, Md.

"We compliment you on your fine exhibit and commend the great thoughtfulness for the comfort of all and the great courtesy shown."—Mrs. S. H. Bagley, Oskaloosa, Ia.

"The ice-water is fine."—A. E. Whittelsey, Meridan, Kan.

"Display excellent and attention most courteous."—N. S. Clark, Cincinnati, Ohio.

"Very fine exhibit."—D. H. Goodell, Westboro, Mass.

"Courtesy shown very much appreciated."—Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Fiel, Oakland, Cal.

"The moving pictures are an education."—James Shrewer, Baldo, Mo.

Newspaper and Magazine Comment

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE COMMENT.

In the Nebraska agricultural exhibit there is a small hall fitted up with a biograph, which at all times entertains a large gathering in displaying the qualities of Nebraska soil.

Chapter one of this biograph story opens on a prairie farm. You see the farmer come out of his comfortable home in the early morning, take his team from the stable and proceed to the field. The plow stands ready in the furrow. Two strong horses are attached, and off they go, the veins standing out on their necks, strength in their limbs, spirit in their movement. The rich black soil is turned up in a furrow that is irresistably convincing to the practised eye. There can be no question whatever about the quality of the soil. Its richness is before your eyes, and I do not believe that there was a single person in that room who did not wish he owned a far min such a land of natural wealth. But I wish the biograph had also carried one into the sitting room of that farmhouse in the evening, and had shown around the lamp on the book table, the family circle, each member with a book or periodical, at the pianola the farmer himself, enjoying his new toy, which enables him to give his family the latest topical songs of the far-off great cities.—*Cosmopolitan Magazine*, September, 1904.

"What we need is something that moves," said the secretary of a costly state display of agricultural products. This display is virtually a history of his state and a catalogue of its resources. It was installed with no other purpose than to attract home-seekers. But the crowd passes it by, and the exhibits of forty other states equally complete and costly to hurry up to the least expensive state exhibit in the agricultural building. This is the exhibit of Nebraska. It has something that moves—a moving picture entertainment showing

views of Nebraska's wheat fields, dairy herds, beet-sugar industry, etc. The Nebraska state appropriation was only \$35,000. No state building could be erected for this sum. But the appropriation fell into the hands of a commission that not only serves without salary, but has the advertising instinct. The moving picture entertainments are visited by fully 3,000 persons daily, and are the means of interesting desirable home-seekers in the state's free land and industries. In a little theatre seating something over 100 people a different set of views is shown every half-hour. When spectators come out of this theatre the advertising booklets of Nebraska have some meaning for them. Yet the whole show will cost not more than \$5,000 during the fair, and thus the state that had least to spend is getting the best advertising results.—Printers' Ink. August 24, 1904.

There is no Nebraska state building, but one need not leave the fair ignorant of the details of Nebraska life. Nebraska concentrates itself on agriculture. In the Palace of Mines it exploits its corn as gold-nuggets from its many kinds of prairie soils. A pleasant rest-room, in lieu of a state building occupies one part of the Nebraska section on the main aisle of the Palace of Agriculture. Once there, you are in Nebraska. For when you have looked at the stuffed form of the largest steer ever raised, and have understood why corn, running forty bushels to the acre, at forty cents a bushel, is being replaced in parts of Nebraska with sugar-beets, running ten and a half tons to the acre, at four and one-half dollars a ton, a bell rings, and you step inside a little theatre. A biograph begins to whirl. Before you, on a screen, the scenes of Nebraska life fly by. The corn is planted and harvested. The sleek cattle jog by to market. A street parade passes in Lincoln. A county fair is reproduced. Meanwhile, a courteous lecturer explains the rapid progress of the state.—World's Work. August, 1904.

Not an item has been omitted, and special departments of mining have been exploited as never before. Many foreign

countries have exhibits, but the most immediately striking displays are made by the states. Even Iowa, which everybody thinks of as a prairie state, comes forward with products from its 300 coal mines and alluvial Nebraska makes an interesting exhibit, the basis of which is a joke. Nebraska shows the soils in which are grown its corn crops. Above some of the tall glass jars of prairie earth are two glass vessels filled with gilded and silvered ears of corn. The legend reads, "Gold and silver nuggets extracted from the agricultural soil of Nebraska to the amount of \$200,000,000 a year. It is the surest of all mining, and the wealth is distributed among a greater number of people."—*World's Work*, August, 1904.

"Through the courtesy of the Commission of Nebraska, M. B. Buisson was able to present, with stereopticon views, many addresses upon Tunis, in the very attractive and much patronized auditorium of that state, which daily gave moving picture exhibitions of its magnificent industries and marvelous agricultural resources."—*La Depeche Tunisienne*. Algiers. December 20, 1904.

Other states have exhausted their appropriations in building state buildings, but Nebraska has wisely spent her appropriation in exhibiting her natural resources. As a result Nebraska is getting more advertising than any other state exhibiting.—Editorial, *Nebraska State Journal*, Lincoln, Neb., October 2, 1904.

The Nebraska people who have attended the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis have come away well satisfied with the display made of the products of the state on exhibition there. At no exposition aside from that at Omaha has the Antelope state attracted so much attention, nor merited so well the high compliments it has been given. When it was announced that Nebraska would have no separate building on the Avenues of States, some disappointment was felt, but this

has been entirely changed to a feeling of general satisfaction, as the plan adopted by the state commission has so thoroughly brought to the front the resources and products of the state that no advantage could possibly arise from the existence of a state building.

Another feature of the Nebraska exhibit which is unique and most successful in its application, is the theatre, where moving picture exhibitions are given, as many as ten presentations a day. Here farm scenes taken from life are shown. Every phase of farm work, the plowing, the planting, the cultivating, the harvesting and the threshing, all are projected from a kinetoscope, and make a great illustration of the actual conditions of out-door life in the state. The cattle industry is portrayed, and the railroads and other means of transportation are given proper place. School scenes, the great University of Nebraska football team in operation, and many other selected views, showing in detail the social life of the people, are exhibited. This show is accompanied by appropriate lectures, and the visitors to the Nebraska theatre go away with a most vivid and realistic picture of the state, its industries and advantages. Other lectures have been given in the theatre during the season, so popular has it become.—Omaha Bee, September 4, 1904.

The Nebraska exhibit attracts more attention than any other state exhibit. The little theatre where moving pictures of Nebraska farmers plowing, seeding, and harvesting their crops are exhibited is always crowded and everywhere in the vicinity of "Nebraska" pedestrains are asking their way to the place where they are welcome to sit down in rocking chairs, have free access to ice-water and where "Challenger" the champion steer of the world, is mounted. In the theatre the Nebraska wind waves and almost rustles the big fields of corn, the big horses pull the latest improved listers and hay rakes right up to the front row.

Farmers from all over the globe go away with a vision of the widest and most fertile fields they ever saw and with a new

conception of fertility and a favoring climate. This impression is deepened by the sixty-one varieties of field corn, specimens of which they are allowed to handle. Other states have spent three dollars where we have spent one. But every dollar of Nebraska's appropriation has been wisely spent. There has been no doubling of useless functionaries, no squabbling for places, nor scrambling for the lion's share of the appropriation. It was too small to attract the place-seekers or the boodlers.—Nebraska State Journal, August 28, 1904.

The Japanese have shown much interest in the moving picture plan of illustrations, and recently one of the commissioners obtained much data to be sent to his country. It is proposed to prepare films of farming scenes in the Mikado's country and send them back to St. Louis for display at the World's fair, in connection with many of the country's exhibits.—St. Louis Republic, August 12, 1904.

The state of Nebraska has adopted a somewhat novel and unique way of bringing its resources to the attention of the public at the St. Louis Exposition. Instead of expending a large sum of money for a state building, it has erected a very handsome pavilion in the Palace of Agriculture. In this pavilion is a theatre with a capacity of some 250 people. Throughout the day at short intervals are given lectures upon Nebraska's wonderful agricultural resources, illustrated by moving pictures. The little theatre is crowded at every lecture, and Nebraska's strong points are brought before the people in a way they will remember.—Schenectady, N. Y., August 1, 1904.

The Nebraska State Commission of the St. Louis Exposition has issued a neat little book, showing the standing and resources of Nebraska in a nut-shell. The book is circulated widely by the Commission at St. Louis, and its benefit to the state is sure to have a manifold effect.

The Commission has supplemented it with the moving pictures of life on the farms and ranches of Nebraska. These are exhibited free in a cosy theatre in the Agricultural Palace in connection with the headquarters of the Commission several times a day, and the theatre is always crowded. Here the Nebraskan can feel the utmost pride in the excellence of his great commonwealth, and these excellent features are zealously promoted and looked after by Secretary Shedd and his assistants.—Editorial, *World-Herald*, July 25, 1904.

It is one of the most attractive and popular exhibits of the exposition. The moving picture theatre is one of the chief show attractions of the exposition and shows a living, breathing, active Nebraska. The commission has provided a vast amount of Nebraska literature that is being readily and eagerly sought for. It gives a concise and complete history of the resources of the state, and with the fine agricultural, dairy, horticultural and forage exhibits, which are all attractively displayed, Nebraska is receiving the best kind of an advertisement that is bound to bring substantial returns. July 4th over 3,500 people visited the Nebraska headquarters and all seemed interested in the state and its capabilities.—District Attorney Baxter, in *Omaha Bee*, July 13, 1904.

It would hardly do for a Nebraskan to visit the fair without seeing the Nebraska exhibit at the agricultural building. It is to be regretted that the appropriation prevented the erection of a Nebraska building, as was done by all the other states, yet our commission has made a splendid showing, not the least of which is the moving pictures of farm scenes, stock yards and Ak-Sar-Ben parades.—*Omaha Evening News*, August 8, 1904.

Nebraska is not distinctively represented, excepting by the moving pictures. These are novel and attractive. No other

state has anything like them. The fact that they are free to see, every half hour, is appreciated. That gives the Nebraska display the largest crowds at all times.

There are several series of pictures, as have been well known in the state. I saw but one. This was views of the Pollard farm. The fruit pickers at work, the mowing and threshing machines in motion, the teams plowing in the cornfields, the views of the plains and the farm yards and all those things make genuinely realistic advertising—the best idea for the purpose in the entire building.—S. L. Geisthardt, in *Lincoln Daily Star*, September 23, 1904.

Nebraska has no special building, but it has an interesting display, portraying the state's principal resources and activities. While the display extends into all of the exposition palaces, the best exhibits are in the Palaces of Agriculture and Horticulture, and these two exhibits ought to be seen by every visitor. An exceptionally interesting display is the biograph demonstration in the Agricultural Palace, illustrating life and industry in Nebraska.—Editorial, *St. Louis Republic*, October 18, 1904.

Nebraska Day at the fair has been celebrated with befitting credit to Nebraska. Nebraska, moreover, has always been one of the items of credit in the Louisiana purchase.—*Omaha Bee*, October 26, 1904.

Nebraska's exhibit has one distinctive feature that has made it the center of attraction and drawn crowds day after day. They have no state building, the appropriation not justifying the expenditure, but a little theatre seating about 300 people, in which are displayed moving pictures of Nebraska farm life has proven an immense attraction, and the entertainments made more interesting by the short explanatory lecture have crowded the theatre every half hour of each day.—Kate Thyson Marr, in *St. Louis Star*, October 26, 1904.

Nebraska is just about the liveliest state on the grounds here. You buy the daily program and find that the biograph views of Nebraska life and farm scenes are given prominent mention and detailed description as one of the big attractions. The little theatre holds about one hundred and fifty besides affording some standing space and the crowd fills it every half hour. The total attendance is now about two thousand a day. Big clock dials are at all corners of the space announcing the next performance, and there are signs a plenty. The moving pictures are especially fine, showing plowing, harrowing, cultivating, threshing, cattle roundups, horse breaking (broncho busting, I suppose is better vernacular), rain storms (for the drouth talkers), and so on. Recently added panoramas of the country from Lincoln out to Aurora and back by the cut-off and main line, about a thousand feet of films, will be a great card. There is such a variety that one can go again and again and see something new each time.

Nebraskans and others are attracted to the space by conveniences afforded. Ice-water, a scarce thing in the Agricultural Palace, is furnished as well as check room, reading room and other accommodations. Thus the whole twenty-acre tract that is roofed by Professor Taylor's building looks towards the Nebraska people as the right sort. As the list of names shows, the Nebraska people are finding the spot, and probably a good many more do so than if there were a state palace a mile and a half away. The exhibit space answers every purpose and concentrates Nebraskans better.

The exhibit itself is fine though not nearly so much stuff is shown as many states have crowded in. The big steer, Challenger, occupies the center of the exhibit side of the space and in the corners and on the open colonnade are all the principal products of the state.

Just opposite, on block 58, close neighbors to the colossal cotton statue of King Cotton, the Nebraska corn pyramid now rears its gold-starred blue globe, with surmounting eagle still higher than the King's crown.—Ernest R. Holmes of Success Pub. Co., New York, in Nebraska State Journal, June 19, 1904.

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